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## Medical advice forces Whitelaw to quit after 30 years in front line

# Tories' No 2 is replaced by Belstead

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Lord Whitelaw yesterday resigned as Leader of the House of Lords and Deputy Prime Minister on doctors' advice and after pressure from his family to quit the Government after 30 years in frontline politics.

Today as his successor, Lord Belstead, begins his task of ensuring success in the Lords for the Government's heavy and controversial legislative programme, Lord Whitelaw will explain the traumatic few weeks since he suffered a mild stroke at the parliamentary Christmas carol service.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, by appointing his deputy to take over from the man she beat to become leader of the Conservative Party 13 years ago, has limited the extent of the reshuffle needed by the departure from the Cabinet of a man widely regarded as the Government's sheet anchor.

She has ensured that she will still be able to get advice from the man to whom she says she will be eternally in debt because Lord Whitelaw is to remain deputy leader of the Conservative Party.

Mrs Thatcher's decision not to appoint another senior figure to succeed Lord Whitelaw in the position of Deputy Prime Minister indicates she is unwilling to nominate anyone who would be regarded as a "Crown Prince".


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Any such appointment could have prejudiced the prospects of others who she believes could follow her or unlike Lord Whitelaw, provide an ambitious figure around whom opponents could rally.

But though Mr John Wakeham, the Leader of the House of Commons, who also takes over from Lord Whitelaw the post of Lord President of the Council, will stand in for Mrs Thatcher when she is absent for Prime Minister's Question Time, the question of who is running the Government will be raised every time she is abroad

Mrs Thatcher will reallocate the ministerial duties made necessary by Lord Belstead's promotion as soon as possible as well as the chairmanships of important Cabinet committees and ad hoc groups held by Lord Whitelaw.

Lord Belstead was seen in Westminster last night as being very much on trial for the remainder of this parliamentary session during which the House of Lords is expected to provide more problems for the Government than the Commons.

The Prime Minister will want him to ensure that contrversial measures such as the Education Reform Bill and the introduction of the community charge emerge from the Lords without being mauled but his task will be immeasurably greater as he lacks the authority of Lord Whitelaw.

Even Lord Whitelaw, who was a past master at handling the Lords using a mixture of charm, ruthlessness and bonhomie, had publicly said some clauses of the Education Bill might be lost.

It was known that he was expecting to have to use every ounce of the authority he has built up during 33 years in politics to get the Government's legislation through. By the time of the summer recess, Lord Belstead, a man with a long record in junior ministerial office, will have either proved himself or Mrs Thatcher may be considering a more wide ranging reconstruction of her government, involving sending either Sir Geoffrey Howe or Sir George Younger to the Upper House.

Lord Whitelaw, aged 69, has been recuperating at his estate in Cumbria since leaving Westminster Hospital shortly before Christmas after his mild stroke in St Margaret's, Westminster.

His doctors advised him that though his recovery has been good, it would be unwise at his age to undergo the stress involved in senior ministerial office.

He has also been under pressure from his Wife, Lady Cecilia, and their four daughters, who had wanted him to retire at the last general election and were worried about his health.

A close family friend said last night: "The family certainly twisted his arm about it. They were certainly worried about his health".

The Prime Minister and Lord Whitelaw agreed before Christmas that no decision on his future should be made until the new year and he only decided to leave the Government while Mrs Thatcher was in Africa.

He spoke to the Prime Minister on Saturday, informing her of his decision, and she agreed that because of the medical advice she had no choice but to accept his resignation.

Last night Lady Whitelaw her husband, who had remained at their home all day making no comment, was quite cheerful and in great form. "I suppose he is quite glad all the speculation is over.



Successor Lord Belstead in London last night

It has been quite a traumatic time for him after being in office for so many years. He is keeping very well".

In his letter to Mrs Thatcher, Lord Whitelaw praises her for leading the Conservative Party to three general election victories and for becoming the longest serving Prime Minister this century but says her greatest achievement has been the "trasnformation of Britain's position both at home and abroad".

Mrs Thatcher's is fulsome in her praise of Lord Whitelaw and acknowledges the enormous debt she owes to him for the loyalty he dispalyed during the early years of her leadership and premiership when he did much to act as a buffer between her and many senior colleagues who were hostile to her.

She adds that the position of Deputy Prime Minister was unique to him and his unique qualities and comes to an end with his service.


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## A man no other could replace

There can be another Leader of the House of Lords. There might in time be another Deputy Prime Minister. But there can be no replacement for Willie Whitelaw, the most instinctive politician in the Thatcher Government.

A Tory front bencher since 1962, he served in the governments of Harold Macmillan, Alec Douglas Home and Edward Heath before that of Margaret Thatcher. No one in politics today can rival his experience as a former Chief Whip, Leader of the Commons, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Secretary of State for Employment, Home Secretary and Conservative Party Chairman.

It is partly that experience which has made him Mrs Thatcher's most trusted adviser since 1979; but it is also his loyalty, the hallmark of Willie Whitelaw's career.

It was loyalty to Edward Heath which delayed his entry into the 1975 Tory leadership contest until after Mrs Thatcher had built up unstoppable momentum. And although he has never been a Thatcherite in ideological terms, it was loyalty to the new leader which stopped him siding with the Cabinet Wets in the bitter battles over economic policy and the harsh budget of 1981.

Had he joined them, the Prime Minister could have been undermined and Thatcherism wrecked at the moment of its crucial test. But because Willie stayed loyal and took the waverers with him, she survived and prospered. No wonder that yesterday she acknowledged her debt to him in a remarkably frank resignation letter.

His service began when he was a wartime officer in the Scots Guards, and won an MC in Normandy. It fell to the young Major Whitelaw to write to the wives of the men who died under his command.

The life stories opened to him by that experience coloured the rest of his political career. With justification, Norman Tebbit called him "The conscience of the Tory Party". He is civilized, tolerant and liberal but always aware what the heart of the country is thinking.

An easy man to caricature and a man who encouraged such caricature as a cloak for his political shrewdness, Willie Whitelaw was a politician who knew the art of the possible.

He has been one of nature's party managers, absorbing politics through the pores, taking his policy attitudes from life rather than from books.

He has been the common sense man of Tory Cabinets. And with his traditional farming country background his very presence in the Thatcher Cabinets has reassured traditional Tories a little alarmed at the pace of her government's initiatives.

Whitelaw's background has made him the perfect foil to Mrs Thatcher, one of the few men around her who could say no, or at least "Not yet Margaret" to a sometimes impulsive and always ideological Prime Minister.

Willie Whitelaw's other contribution to the modern Tory Party has been as an adviser on those brought into the Government teams. Many of the Tories on the front


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Lord Whitelaw leaving Westminster Hospital after treatment for his recent stroke.

## Heavy share losses feared

By Our City Staff

London's stock market is expected to make a nervous start this morning, with sharp falls following the plunge on Wall Street on Friday.

Fears are likely to be heightened by a warning on American television yesterday by the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, Mr John Phelan, that there is "no guarantee" there will not be another crash like that on October 19.

Movements overnight in the Far East, particularly Japan, will decide whether London sees a new wave of selling.

Dealers hope any markdown in London will be more modest than the Friday collapse in New York. Wall Street has had a bigger recovery than other markets since October 19, which leads some dealers to believe it was more vulnerable than London

Foreign exchange markets are also likely to be nervous ahead of trade figures for the United States

The markets will be watched anxiously by the authorities in London. Last year Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, cut interest rates to stem the worst of the market's slide and renewed weakness should at least head off fears that interest rates might have to rise again.

The Chancellor and key colleagues and officials met at Chevening House in Kent over the weekend to map out the strategy for his Budget. March 15 or March 22 look the most likely Budget dates.

A number of key decisions were taken. The Budget is likely to contain tax cuts in spite of setting a tight target for government borrowing. Cuts in higher rates of tax and changes in the way personal allowances for husbands and wives are treated were discussed.


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## Family of five found shot dead

A family of five were found dead with shotgun wounds at their home on the outskirts of Magherа, Co Londonderry, yesterday.

Ulster police were satisfied that the 30-year-old man, his 29-year-old wife and three young children, were not murdered by terrorists. They said it appeared to be a domestic tragedy.

They said that the wounds were inflicted by a legally-held shotgun found near the bodies, which were discovered about 2pm by the brother of the dead man.

In what was described by police as "a grotesque scene" the husband was found in the hall stairway, the wife in the kitchen and the three children in upstairs bedrooms.

Two of the children, a five-year-old girl and her brother, aged three, were found together. The third child, aged one, was dead in a cot in another room.

Names of the dead were not being released until relatives had been informed. Police said that they had not established the reason for the killings.

## DTI shake-up planned to boost smaller firms

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Plans for the biggest shake-up in the history of the Department of Trade and Industry are to be announced tomorrow by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

In a White Paper issued after a wide-ranging review of DTI activities, Lord Young will reveal a series of measures aimed at boosting small businesses and competition. Regional aid grants, currently given automatically to enterprises being set up in depressed regions, will in future be given selectively to those companies that meet departmental criteria.

The changes are expected to help small firms at the expense of big concerns, such as GEC, which have done well out of the aid budget. The moves are also expected to attract more international companies that are planning European bases to locate in the UK. A big new push to encourage inward investment in Britain is being proposed.

Lord Young is also expected to announce some important changes in competition policy, with the Office of Fair Trading being given more power. One change is likely to be for the OFT to be allowed to impose fines for uncompetitive practices such as price-fixing.

The scrapping of automatic regional development grants is likely to provoke a bitter political row over what is likely to be pilloried as a backdoor method of cutting back funding.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has already gone on record as condemning any scrapping of regional development grants as "a further act of industrial sabotage". But an assurance came from the DTI yesterday that the spending totals would remain broadly the same.

In the current fiscal year, regional grants in England amount to £340 million, with another £240 million in Wales and Scotland. Most of this is dispensed automatically when companies set up new developments in the regions, although there is some selectivity. The Secretary of State will also make it clear that the map of assisted areas will not be redrawn. There is an important distinction made between development and intermediate areas, to allow the regions to qualify for money from the European Regional Development Fund. The advantages of EEC cash will be retained this way.

So the main debate will centre on Lord Young's plans for shifting the pattern of regional development spending. The strategy is expected to include the establishment of a regional network of advisory centres, where consultants such as bankers and accountants would feed recommendations for selective assistance to DTI regional offices.

The new type of grants will give the Department more


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## Hunt for crew after trawler is washed up

A sea search was going on off the Cornish Coast last night for survivors after a fishing trawler had been washed up at Towan Head, near Newquay, a Padstow lifeboat spokesman said. It was not known how many crew were on board the Laura Jane.

The trawler had reported that it was taking in water before it lost radio contact.

The Padstow lifeboat was launched and helicopters from the RAF stations at Chivenor and Brawdy were in the air.

## Senior Tories fear new Navy cuts

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Continued defence cuts will seriously reduce the size of the Royal Navy fleet over the next few years and prevent British warships from maintaining a global role in the Far East, the Gulf and even the Falklands, senior Conservative MPs fear.

Some senior Tory backbenchers are convinced that unless the Government agrees to spend more money on conventional defence, the fleet strength could be cut to 40 frigates and destroyers by the 1990s.

One senior political source said yesterday that the Government was already deceiving the public by claiming that it was still committed to a force of "around 50 ships" when there were now believed to be only 45 left.

The issue is seen as of such grave importance that the influential House of Commons Defence Committee has placed the future size and role of the Royal Navy's surface fleet at the top of the agenda for this year.

Yesterday Mr Michael Mates, the Conservative chairman of the Commons Defence Committee, said the Government could not continue to squeeze the defence budget without being forced to reduce its commitments. All the warnings given by the committee in 1985 about cutting defence spending were now "coming home to roost".

The committee's warning in 1985 followed the Government's decision to end its commitment to raising defence spending by an annual 3 per cent in real terms, in line with Nato guidelines.

This week the defence committee will meet to draw up its strategy to fight the Government over the warship question. All submissions on the issue have to be in by January


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## Government may bow to pressure and ban foam

By Michael Horsnell

The Government may now abandon its proposed code of practice on the use of deadly types of polyurethane foam in furniture and bow to pressure from fire chiefs by imposing a complete ban.

The possible change of heart coincided with an admission yesterday that the lethal foam had already been banned from Government buildings.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Consumer Affairs, disclosed that urgent talks would be held with leaders of the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association, who have branded as "nonsense" the Government's proposed new code of practice on the use of foam.

It also emerged that government action, whether it be a tougher code than first envisaged or the introduction of legislation imposing a complete ban, will be speeded up.

"We shall discuss the matter with the firemen and we are hoping to draw it to a conclusion within days rather than weeks", Mr Maude said.

The possible about-turn in Government policy comes after the deaths of 10 children since January 1 from the toxic fumes given off by burning furniture foam.

At least 300 people a year die in Britain from carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide fumes given off by the highly inflammable polyurethane.

The draft code of practice phases out the most dangerous standard foam over three years, but would still allow the use of high-resilience polyurethane, which is just as deadly when alight.

Fire chiefs are urging a complete ban on standard and high-resilience foams, and a huge government programme for the installation of smoke detectors in every household.

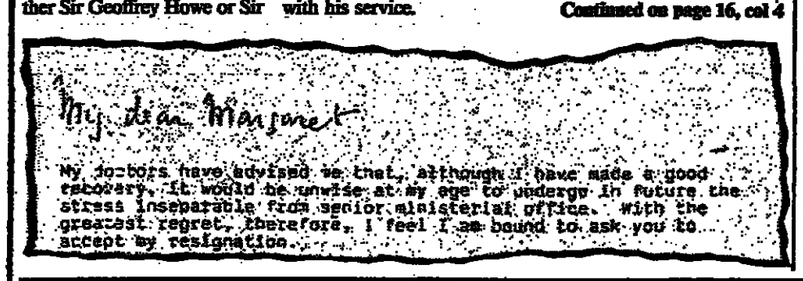
New laws proposed by them would also mean that manufacturers and retailers who continued to sell the dangerous foam from January 1 next year would face imprisonment.

Crown Suppliers, the government department responsible for furnishing government buildings, including the House of Commons, confirmed yesterday that it did not permit polyurethane.

A spokesman for the organization, which spends £72 million a year providing furniture for government offices, said its absence was on safety grounds.

A row is expected in the Commons, which resumes today, over government policy. Mr Tony Blair, Opposition spokesman on consumer affairs, said: "I shall either be asking for a full statement from the minister or an assurance that the regulations are going to be brought forward within the next couple of weeks.

"The weight of public pressure is great. The two obvious steps which the Government should take are to ban all standard polyurethane foam and to give a firm date whereby any flammable foam, including high-resilience, will be phased out."



My dear Margaret

My doctors have advised me that, although I have made a good recovery, it would be unwise at my age to undergo in future the stress inseparable from senior ministerial office. With the greatest regret, therefore, I feel I am bound to ask you to accept my resignation.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

# Whitty backing for union laws

Mr Larry Whitty, general secretary of the Labour Party, yesterday said the Government's trade union legislation could be made more flexible but could not be reversed.

In a speech to a Fabian Society conference on Labour and the trade unions, Mr Whitty said that pressure from the trade union membership had been pushing in the direction of one member, one vote and union members would not allow the party to reverse this process.

"The straitjacket of Tory legislation has forced us to do certain things within the trade union movement. These can be made more flexible and more appropirate to trade union reality, but they cannot be made reversible."

# Two lost overboard

Two seamen were missing presumed drowned in the Channel yesterday after a tow rope parted and swept them overboard from the tug Lowland Raider.

A third man hit by the wire rope was taken 28 miles by helicopter to hospital in Guernsey.

The helicopter, from RAF Brawdy, South Wales, and a French aircraft, searched unsuccessfully for the missing men.

The tug had been towing a large floating crane which is now drifting off the Channel Islands.

# Runaway man weds

Harvey Michael Ross, the bullion dealer who fled Britain two years ago owing more than £13 million, has married in a South American prison cell in an attempt to avoid extradition to the UK to face fraud charges.

Mr Ross, aged 38, married Miss Laura de Barros, daughter of a former Uruguayan Navy chief, last week – as Yorkshire detectives flew to Montevideo to collect him.

West Yorkshire police said yesterday: "We've booked a seat for him on the plane and we're sure the place will be filled."

# Tube man 'no help'

A man wanted for questioning by British Transport Police over the King's Cross Underground fire has been eliminated from inquiries. The police said yesterday that the man, "known to frequent the Underground, has been interviewed and cannot assist the inquiry further."

The statement follows a weekend report that a man in blue overalls was seized by London Transport staff after he tampered with machinery at another Tube station.

Detailed findings of the transport police investigation into the disaster, which killed 31, will be given to the public inquiry which begins in London on February 1. Transport detectives are still working from a special incident room.

# Privatize post call

The Post Office should be stripped of its letter delivery monopoly, a paper published by the Adam Smith Institute says.

The paper will be published today, 24 hours before Mrs Teresa Gorman, the Tory MP for Billericay, Essex, moves her 10-minute rule Bill in Parliament seeking to remove the monopoly.

The institute, which has already called for the privatization of British Rail and the coal mines, says that most innovations in the postal services have come from private operators.

# Shotgun puzzle

The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon has been refused a shotgun certificate under Section 28 of the Firearms Act, which relates to "public safety or peace".

The duke, brother of a Scottish Office minister, said yesterday that he had never owned a shotgun, did not need a licence, and did not approve of shooting.

He had received a "very confusing" letter from the police and would be asking for an explanation, though he would not appeal against the decision.

# Inquiry on surgeon

Mr Sharad Mahatme, a surgeon who has been suspended from duty for nearly three years on full pay, is to face an inquiry in March.

Mr Terry Patchett, Labour MP for Barnsley East, asked Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, to investigate what he said was the gross waste of public money and damage to the surgeon's reputation.

Mr Mahatme, aged 54, of Wood Walk, Wombwell, Barnsley, an ear nose and throat specialist, has been paid £30,000 a year since his suspension from his post at Barnsley District Hospital in 1985, accused of professional misconduct.

# Transport union vote key to Kinnock policies

By Roland Rudd

Britain's biggest trade union, the Transport and General Workers', starts voting for a new executive today which will have a crucial impact on Mr Neil Kinnock's chances of introducing new Labour policies to fight the next general election.

The hard left has a reasonable chance of reclaiming control of the union it has regarded as its flagship; the union's soft left has a precarious hold on the executive, with a slim majority of four out of the 39 places.

The hard left has made clear that if it wins, the union's block vote of 1,250,000 will be swung against Mr Kinnock's far reaching review. It is extremely difficult to win a motion at a Labour conference without the transport union's support.

The three-week election promises to be a bitter one. The fact that it will be the last union election fought under the 1984 Trade Union Act, which allows workplace ballots, is seen as an advantage for the left.

But Mr Kinnock's supporters are pinning hopes on the union's moderate chairman, Mr Brian Nicholson, a tough-speaking docker from London's East End.

The Labour leader already has Mr Nicholson to thank for pushing through his variation of one-member one-vote for the selection and reselection of Labour MPs.

When the executive was split down the middle Mr Nicholson took the unprecedented action of voting twice in his capacity as chairman and has been a marked man ever since.

A new hard left bulletin, *Workers Reply*, makes clear the group's determination to marry the union to "true socialist principles".

The paper says that "parliamentary opposition is no substitute for a determined fight back (against the Government) waged and led by the trade union movement". It will be a "period of bitter and intensified struggle", the paper says.

The confidential minutes of the last London-based region one executive meeting on October 14 show that Mr Peter Hagger, a supporter of the Communist Campaign Group, "experienced grave frustration" at the executive's decision to replace hard left secretaries in Scotland, the Midlands and the South-west, with soft left officials.

Mr Hagger is reported to be furious that Mr Nicholson has systematically rooted out hard left secretaries across the union's regions. If the hard left takes control Mr Hagger has made clear that this situation would be reversed.

Union moderates point to Mr Bobby Owens, secretary of region six, representing Merseyside and the North-west, as an example of a "hard left political appointee" which they want to stop.

Mr Owens, who had not been a full-time official before he was appointed secretary, rejects the charge. He was a former manager of the Merseyside Trade Union and Unemployment Resource Centre, which was criticized by moderate Labour MPs after allegations that the Militant Tendency and other hard left groups used the centre to promote their own political propaganda.

The hard left's campaign to take control of the union is being spearheaded by the three regions it controls: London and the South-east, the North-west and Scotland.

Eleven out of the 14 hard left candidates in the key trade group ballots come from these three regions: the ballot is split between the different industrial sectors in which the union organizes and across the 11 regions in the country.

After a national broad left caucus in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, it was disclosed yesterday that Militant activists in the union were instructed to establish special "co-ordinating committees" modelled on those established in Merseyside.

# Labour tries more action to root out extremists

By Roland Rudd

Labour's national executive is expected to order a further crackdown on the Militant Tendency and other extremist organizations after new allegations of intimidation and harassment against party members.

The party's organization committee will today discuss a confidential report on Militant infiltration in the Southwark and Bermondsey party in London as well as extremist infiltration of the Haringey Labour party.

The new chairman of the committee, Mr Eddie Haigh, who played a key role in the expulsion of Militant members in Liverpool, is determined to take strong action against the extremists throughout the party.

Mr Haigh, assistant secretary of the Transport and General Workers', said yesterday: "The Labour Party is being held back by extremist groups, who operated in insidious ways and who talked the nonsense of revolutionary politics".

The committee will today hear allegations of extremist infiltration. The latest example is in Haringey, where a party member, Miss Mandy Mudd, is alleged to have encouraged party members to "storm the council chamber, break up party meetings and take direct action" against the Labour group which refused to break the law, and set a legal budget.

The extremists in Haringey have accused the Labour group of selling out in its refusal to set an illegal rate which would have led to their being surcharged.

Socialist Action, another Trotskyist organization, is alleged to be infiltrating some Labour Party constituencies. New allegations of Militant Tendency infiltration also emerged over the weekend.

A report on the Southwark and Bermondsey constituency states that during the election canvassers for the Labour candidate, Mr John Bryan, "caused considerable annoyance to electors" in trying to sell *Militant*.

Labour Party canvassers are accused of being "aggressive and rude" and forced pensioners to buy *Militant*. Party members "who expressed a different point of view in line with party policy were subjected to abuse, personal attacks and harassment".

Mr Haigh said that some people on the left would try to portray the campaign to rid the party of extremists as a witchhunt. He said the campaign was "about democracy and sticking to the party's constitution and rule book".

He added: "Time is running out if we do not do something about the extremist infiltration in the next few years; time for complacency has long gone".

● Union leaders across the political spectrum yesterday pleaded with Mr John Prescott not to stand for the deputy leadership and plunge the party into turmoil.

After the comments of Mr Brian Nicholson, chairman of the Transport and General Workers' Union, that an election for the Labour Party's deputy leader would be an act of monumental folly, other union leaders urged Mr Prescott to think again about challenging Mr Roy Hattersley.

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the engineering union, said he hoped Mr Prescott would not stand and divert attention away from the real problems of the party.

Alliance defence policy

# Firm backing for Nato link

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The leaders of the Liberal and Social Democratic parties received strong backing yesterday for their insistence that the new merged party support the Nato alliance.

The grassroots Liberal opposition to the policy prospectus for the new party, which backs British membership of Nato, is expected to be ignored when the document is published later this week.

And a MORI opinion poll conducted for Times Newspapers finds minimal support among Alliance supporters for British withdrawal from Nato.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader and Mr Robert Maclennan, leader of the SDP, will see from the findings that 86 per cent of voters support British membership of Nato and that more than 60 per cent back a defence policy including a nuclear deterrent as vindication of their tough stance on an issue they believe crucial to a successul launch for the new party.

Support for Britain removing nuclear weapons from her soil and waters but remaining in Nato remains consistent at 23 per cent in 1986 and a similar figure last December while only 8 per cent favour Britain removing nuclear bases and leaving Nato.

But there has been a swing to unilateral disarmament with 30 per cent in favour as opposed to 24 per cent at the time of the general election. MORI conducted its poll among 1,000 adults over 18 at 67 constituency sampling points in Great Britain on December 29 and 30, and found only 7 per cent of Alliance supporters in favour of leaving Nato.

The policy prospectus for the new party is considered crucial by both party leaders. Mr Maclennan is anxious to ensure that Dr David Owen is given as little opportunity as possible to portray it as weak on defence.

The difficulties that face the new party were highlighted yesterday when Dr Owen and dissident anti-merger supporters outlined their plans to keep the SDP in being after the merged party is formed. Dr Owen and his supporters have also begun issuing policy documents in an attempt to emphasize their separate identity.

They claim to have 16,000 paid-up supporters and the announcement yesterday will infuriate Mr Maclennan and his allies who say Dr Owen has been operating a "party within a party" during the past few months.

A statement from the Campaign for Social Democracy said that Dr Owen would be nominated as leader of the SDP and that Mr John Cartwright would take over from Mrs Shirley Williams as president at the beginning of March. The statement added that the majority of the SDP national committee who did not intend to join the merged party had made their constitutional plans for the continuation of the party.



Mrs Rosie Barnes, Social Democratic MP for Greenwich, beneath the smile of Dr Owen yesterday

# £10,000 pay threat to TV-am strikers

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the striking technicians at TV-am, who meet tomorrow to discuss their seven week dispute with the company, have been told their 229 members will not be reinstated unless they accept pay cuts of £10,000 a year.

As the union side formulates its response, the company has been infuriated by an overtime damand from one of the technicians for £1,300 a week, of which about £1,000 is for one night's work during the King's Cross Underground fire.

The company said yesterday: "This is exactly what this dispute is about. They don't seem to understand that we will never allow these kind of payments again."

Since the dispute began, management, aided by secretaries and even the company lawyer, have been performing the functions normally carried out by the technicians and the experience has hardened the company's determination to permanently change working practices.

Management has discovered that "frankly, the jobs are not all that hard to do" and is insisting that the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians abandons its old restrictive "Spanish customs" before being allowed back to work.

Mr Bruce Gyngell, the managing director, is insisting that a 10-point plan outlined by management is not negotiable and his stance has been strengthened by the Independent Broadcasting Authority accepting scheduling arrangements made to deal with the dispute.

Although basic salaries for ACTT technicians at the station range from £19,000 to £27,000, the average wage, with overtime, is £38,550 with some receiving more than £60,000.

Salaries on this scale have been achieved through overtime payments of 120 per cent and Mr Gyngell is insisting they should be reduced to no more than 30 per cent.

# Speelman on form at Hastings

By Harry Golombek

After Friday's rest day in the Foreign and Colonial Hastings Grandmaster Chess Tournament, the players resumed on Saturday.

Grandmaster Jonathan Speelman seriously weakened the pawn formation of grandmaster John Nunn, whose position later crumbled.

Neither the Russian grandmaster, Lev Psakis, nor Nigel Short could engineer a breakthrough and they agreed to draw at move 34. Grandmasters Murray Chandler and Bent Larsen went to 60 moves when Chandler resigned.

International master Nigel Davies attacked sharply on the king's side but later collapsed and resigned at move 34.

In round 11 played yesterday, the game Short v Chandler was a 20 move draw.

The remaining games seemed likely to continue well into the session.

# Fears over reform of benefits

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Poor families may rely on loan sharks to supplement their income because of social security reforms which come into effect this April, a report published today says.

The Social Security Consortium, which represents bodies dealing with children, families and the low-paid, says measures to reduce dependency on the state are likely to produce hidden forms of dependency "on families, charities, and loan sharks".

The consortium says that its worst fears about the effects of the Social Security Act 1986 have been confirmed by subsequent government action, such as the freezing of child benefit.

*Of Little Benefit: a Critical Guide to the Social Security Act 1986* (Social Security Consortium, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1. £2).

Whitelaw's successor

# Hard worker, good listener

By Michael Horsnell

Lord Belstead, aged 55, has enjoyed a degree of anonymity among the political cognoscenti as Lord Whitelaw's No 2 in the House of Lords, though he has never been underrated by his Labour opponents.

A product of Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he has been perhaps more widely known as a member of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and the MCC.

John Julian Ganzoni, 2nd Baron Belstead, succeeded his father Sir John "Union Jack" Ganzoni on his death in 1958 but it was nearly six years before he made his maiden speech in the Lords, on education.

Sir John, who had been knighted by Lloyd George and elevated to the peerage by Neville Chamberlain in 1938 after 22 years as MP for Ipswich, was so well known as a gourmet that the members' Dining Room was frequently referred to as "Chez Ganzoni".

His son, who yesterday became the new Leader of the Lords and Lord Privy Seal, proved to be rather less flamboyant, choosing to continue as a history master at Selwyn House preparatory school in East Sussex until 1960.

It was in that year that he used his inheritance to buy a 650-acre farm near Woodbridge, Suffolk, where he raises cereals and sugar beet and has a small herd.

On the recommendation of Lord Carrington he became the peer in Mrs Thatcher's first ministerial team at the Department of Education in June 1970, and in the next three years, he established his political future.

A hard worker and a good listener, he continued to progress as Under Secretary in Northern Ireland until the Conservatives lost power in 1974.

After the Thatcher victory in 1979 he became Home Office Under Secretary and then in April 1982 was drafted into the Foreign Office as Minister of State.

There he made his only memorable blunder, when he referred to Istanbul by its former name of Constantinople on a visit to Turkey, thus incurring the wrath of the Turkish press.

A bachelor and a man renowned for his courtesy, Lord Belstead went on to become Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food before switching last year to the Department of the Environment as Minister of State.

Here he has been in charge of the privatization of the water industry and the dumping of waste in the North Sea.

His job as the new Leader of the Lords and Lord Privy Seal will mean a salary increase of nearly £6,000 to £40,438.

# Respect from folk he never forgot

By Ronald Faux

**"Do you know the way to Lord Whitelaw's home?" I asked a farmer as he heaved turnips into a field near Greystoke.**

**"You mean Willie?" he replied and gave me directions. Cumbrians mark respect in odd ways and for a man to hold some of the grandest and highest positions in the land yet retain the common touch enough to be known affectionately as Willie is high achievement.**

**Yesterday he was taking life quietly, as he intends to from now on his farm at Ennim on the edge of the Lake District.**

**He represented Penrith and the Borders as MP for 28 years, but calls to the great offices of state did not mean he ever forgot the people who put him into parliament.**

**They speak of his thoughtful qualities and his remarkable ability to make people feel that their particular concern had his highest priority.**

**His memory for names and faces has always been encyclopaedic.**

Mr Norman Dent, Lord Whitelaw's agent for more than 15 years, said that any constituent with problems really did feel they had access to the British Cabinet.

Only once did Penrith almost desert the Conservatives, when Willie Whitelaw became Lord Whitelaw six weeks after he had been returned to parliament in 1983. Everyone, including the local Tory party, was angry about that and Lord Whitelaw's successor scraped home with a 552 majority.

Last time the party's lead was back to more than 17,000. People had abstained in protest, Mr Dent said. It was a vote against Central Office for not organizing things better. It was certainly not a vote against Willie Whitelaw. In Penrith that was unthinkable.

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# Haughey praises Thatcher

By John Cooney

Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, described Mrs Thatcher yesterday as "a woman who keeps her word", and said he was confident of her commitment to the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Speaking on Irish Radio, he said relations between London and Dublin would never be normal as long as the problem of Northern Ireland remained unresolved, but subject to that qualification, the two governments had "very good working relations".

British diplomats noted that he did not press his usual demands for a British withdrawal from Ulster. Instead he emphasized "the practical and realistic basis" of current Anglo-Irish contacts.

He said he found the Anglo-Irish ministerial conference a useful mechanism for influencing the British Government, and announced that a further meeting between Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Mr Brian Lenihan, the Republic's Foreign Minister, would take place shortly.

● Mr Haughey's only daughter, Eimear, was married at a quiet ceremony in Dublin yesterday. The bridegroom was Mr John Mulhern, who heads the Findus food company in Ireland.

● Belfast's High Court and magistrates' court buildings are expected to be open today, in spite of being damaged in a car bomb explosion on Saturday.






# 'Your service to the country has been immense'

**Lord Whitelaw's resignation letter, and the reply from the Prime Minister, were released by Downing Street yesterday afternoon.**

**Lord Whitelaw wrote:**

"My dear Margaret,

"My doctors have advised me that although I have made a good recovery it would be unwise at my age to undergo in future the stress inseparable from senior ministerial office. With the greatest regret therefore, I feel I am bound to ask you to accept my resignation.

"Since 1979 I have had the privilege of serving under your outstanding leadership as Home Secretary and as Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, appointments which I have greatly appreciated.

"I am indeed grateful for the trust which you have placed in me and for the invariable kindness and consideration which you have always shown me throughout this time.

"During the years in which I have served under your leadership you have led our Conservative Party to three general election victories running and you have become the Prime Minister with the longest consecutive period in office this century – a truly remarkable record. But your outstanding achievement with which I feel proud to have been associated has been the transformation of Britain's position both at home and abroad.

"In the future I shall of course give to you and the Government my wholehearted support in the House of Lords under John Belstead's leadership, which I greatly welcome. I shall also continue to work for our Conservative Party in the country to the best of my ability.

"With my very best wishes to you and the Government for every possible success in the future.

"Yours ever, Willie."

**In her reply, the Prime Minister said:**

"My dear Willie,

"Thank you for your letter of 10 January.

"It was with a great sense of loss that I learnt of your decision to resign your office as Lord President and Leader of the House of Lords. I fully realize that medical advice leaves you no choice and because your wellbeing comes first sadly I have no choice but to accept your resignation.

"You have been at the centre of our country's political life for more than 20 years. To every office that you have held – Lord President, Home Secretary, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and for Employment – you have brought supreme ability and selfless dedication. Your service to our country, to government, and to the party, has been immense. I personally shall be eternally in your debt for your great loyalty to me as leader of the party from 1975 and as Prime Minister from 1979.

"For nearly nine years in Government I have relied on your wisdom and steadfastness. You have helped to shape the measures which, in your own words, have successfully transformed Britain's position at home and abroad. For the past four and a half years your superb leadership of their Lordships' House has taken through the Bills underlying the Government's programme of reform.

"In Cabinet we shall all miss not only your wise counsel but also your warmth, humour and good fellowship.

"I am so pleased that you are able to continue as deputy leader of the Conservative Party so that we can still have the benefit of your help and advice. The position of deputy Prime Minister was unique to you for your unique qualities and comes to an end with your service.

"Denis joins me in sending best wishes to you and Celia and we hope to see you soon when you are fully recovered.

"Yours ever, Margaret."

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# Boy's 3-month wait for heart operation to end 'within days'

By Jill Sherman and Thomson Prentice

Matthew Collier, the boy aged four who has had heart surgery postponed three times, is expected to be admitted to the Birmingham Children's Hospital today and have his operation on Wednesday.

The cardiac surgeon who is to carry out the hole in the heart operation, Mr Leon Abrams, yesterday denied that Matthew had been given preference over other children at the hospital because of publicity about the case.

Mr Abrams said: "He is exactly where he should be medically. If we had had the beds we would have operated earlier but he has now reached the top of the waiting list."

Mr Abrams said he still had several other children on his list desperately needing treatment who would all have to wait their turn. He has 40 children needing heart surgery on his own list and 20 others needing similar surgery are on other consultants' lists.

He said: "If there is a bed available in the intensive care unit, Matthew will have his operation on Wednesday.

"Several children have got better and we expect that a bed will become free by then."

Matthew has been waiting for surgery since October. Last week his parents failed to persuade the High Court to force doctors to operate.

The operation has been delayed because of a shortage of nurses trained in the special skills needed to care for youngsters after heart surgery.

Mr Barry Collier and his wife, Patricia, have had offers to pay for the operation privately, but feel that on principle it should be performed by the health service.

However, they have agreed to take up the offers of payment if the operation has not been performed by the end of the week, Mr Collier said yesterday.

The family will also wait until the end of the week before taking up an offer from the National Council for Civil Liberties to take their son's case to the European Court of Human Rights.

The family's MP, Mr David Winnick, will call tomorrow for an emergency debate when the House of Commons resumes, on the lack of trained nurses at the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

● Nurse shortages at two children's hospitals in London, Great Ormond Street and its sister hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hackney, have brought rising waiting lists for operations and increased spending on agency staff.

The two hospitals have 2,110 children waiting for operations and nearly 500 of these cases have been waiting for more than a year.

Last year Great Ormond Street spent £2 million on agency staff, more than 6 per cent of the nursing budget. Many wards had only half their complement of skilled paediatric nurses.

The new cardiology unit at Great Ormond Street has been able to use only half its 56 beds since it opened on December 29 because of a shortage of trained staff. The new unit can only attract 65 qualified paediatric nursing staff out of a full complement of 120.

● Work on a replacement intensive care unit for children needing heart surgery, including transplants, begins at Harefield Hospital, west London, today.

The £1 million unit is being built because of the growing demand for such operations on children and may help relieve the pressure on other hospitals.

The Harefield unit is Britain's main centre for heart and heart-lung transplants on youngsters and also treats babies only days or weeks old who have been born with genetic heart problems requiring corrective surgery.

Dr Rosemary Radley-Smith, consultant paediatric cardiologist in charge of the unit, said: "The new unit will provide us with infinitely more space as well as increasing our beds and cots from the current 11 to 18."

The existing unit has become cramped and overcrowded because of the increased demands on it.

# A golfing chairman with time to spare



Off duty: Sir Adam Thomson, still chairman and chief executive of British Caledonian until the British Airways takeover is completed, takes a rare opportunity to relax and think about the future.

Sir Adam, who lives near Gatwick Airport, was enjoying a round of golf at Walton Heath. He spoke of his love for the game, and reflected on the recent struggle for his airline. "My family are relieved that the battle is over", Sir Adam said. "It has been very intense every day, with late nights, including weekends. They are very pleased to be able to see me for a change."

Sir Adam, who has a handicap of 22 and is a member of the Royal & Ancient, said: "The great thing about golf is that you can play it around the world. The people and the rules are the same. It's a great social game and a wonderful way of making contacts in business. Golfers around the world have one thing in common", he smiled: "To get that blasted ball into the hole."

He is also a keen sailor and keeps a boat in Majorca. "I've kept a boat in that part of the world for 14 years, but have never had enough spare time to spend there."

Asked about the future, Sir Adam said: :"I have no plans. I've been in this business with British Caledonian for 26 years, so I have a bit of considering to do."

(Report and photograph: Stephen Markeson)

# Research plea on meningitis danger

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government's chief medical officer has appealed to scientists to come forward with new ideas for research into meningitis after a private meeting with leading experts.

Sir Donald Acheson has said that the Medical Research Council and the Department of Health and Social Security would "seriously consider" any well-prepared and validated requests for funds.

"The problem at the moment is coming up with new ideas to research," a spokesman for the department said yesterday. The National Meningitis Trust recently called for £1 million government funding into research but the department said it had not received specific research proposals.

Last Friday Sir Donald met leading scientists and epidemiologists to discuss the latest outbreaks of the disease which claimed several lives over Christmas and the new year. Earlier Sir Donald had assured the public that there was no meningitis epidemic.

The experts discussed ways of tackling the disease but there is little information to explain why the number of cases this year is double the number in 1985 or why cases occur in clusters in various parts of the country.

A health department spokesman said that it was too early to say whether Sir Donald would issue further advice to family doctors after Friday's meeting.

Two months ago the chief medical officer wrote to GPs alerting them about suspected cases of meningitis and advising them to take appropriate precautions, such as referring them to hospital.

The first extensive research project into carriers of the disease in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, will be published on Wednesday but it fails to pinpoint the cause of the outbreak there, which affected 15 people and claimed two lives over four years.

Other research is still being carried out in Edinburgh and Manchester into saliva and blood samples taken from the Stonehouse residents. It will try to establish whether there are any genetic links between cases

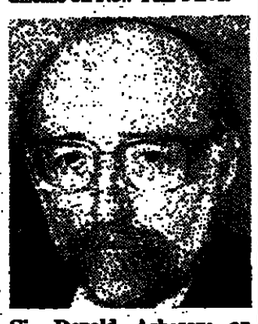
Meanwhile tests were being carried out yesterday on the body of a teenager from the West Midlands who died on Saturday night of the disease.

Miss Rachel Cooksie, aged 18, from Lichfield, Staffordshire, died shortly after being admitted to Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield.

Mr Steven Ashmoor, hospital administrator, said that her family and friends were being contacted to be given medical treatment as a precaution.

He said tests were being carried out to try to find out which type of meningitis strain caused her death.

It is understood that the parents of a boy aged four in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, plan to sue three GPs who failed to diagnose meningitis in their child, who died of the disease on New Year's Eve.



Sir Donald Acheson: an appeal to scientists

# Blood clot peril may be reduced

By Our Science Correspondent

A new method of detecting potentially lethal blood clots has been developed by scientists in Northern Ireland and is undergoing its final clinical trials.

The portable computerized system gives precise analyses of leg blood clot tests within seconds, according to the research team at Queen's University, Belfast.

It will enable hospital specialists to give patients bedside checks and quickly provide treatment to prevent pulmonary embolism, an often fatal condition in which a blood clot in the leg breaks away, moves towards the heart and lodges in the lung.

The leg clots, or deep venous thrombosis, develop in about one-third of patients who undergo surgery, particularly for hip replacement and about 6,000 people a year in Britain die.

The Belfast researchers believe that their method could replace two traditional ways of diagnosing the clots, clinical examination and venography, where dye is injected into a vein to assist X-ray identification.

Dr Ian Brown, one of the developers of the system, said: "Our method is quick, accurate, painless and in comparison with other techniques, relatively inexpensive".

The technique measures blood flow and blood pressure in the leg when a cuff and strain gauge are attached

If the computer reading of the measurements shows a slow blood outflow there is a high probability of a clot.

The equipment is being made in Ulster and progressively introduced in the National Health Service. A company has been set up to market it in the United States, Europe and Australia.

New secret service book

# Theory on Philby's role dismissed

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The idea that Kim Philby was "used" by British Intelligence has been denounced by a former deputy chief of MI6, who provided information for the book that put forward the theory.

Sir James Easton, aged 78 and now living in Detroit, said he interrogated Philby in 1951, before MI5 took over the case. "I did what I could to elicit the truth as far as our office was concerned. The evidence against him was piling up, but it was all circumstantial. There was no proof."

Sir James, who is still covered by the Official Secrets Act, insisted that the theory of Philby being "used" by Sir Stewart Menzies, former director general of the secret intelligence service, was the only new theory in *The Secret Servant*, the biography of Sir Stewart by Mr Anthony Cave Brown.

"It's all been said before", he said. "I don't think any of us subscribe to the suggestion about Philby."

Sir James, deputy director general of MI6 from 1953 to 1958, said it was wrong to compare the new book, to be published in Britain in July, with *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, the MI5 agent.

"I think Wright was asking for trouble, because he was making allegations that were not necessarily true and he was expressing them for the first time as a former member of the security service.

"When Anthony Cave Brown approached me, it was long before the Wright situation. I was just helping with some historical facts, all of which have been expressed already."

In spite of his remarks, Sir John Bailey, the Treasury Solicitor, has already approached the publishers of *The Secret Servant*, Michael Joseph, seeking a copy.

There are fears within the Government that former members of the intelligence services may have breached their obligations of confidentiality by co-operating with the author.

Meanwhile, Mr Edward Heath launched a further attack on the Government yesterday over its imposition of a three-line whip on a private member's Bill to reform the Official Secrets Act.

The former prime minister accused the Government of acting "monstrously" in taking the "unprecedented and unnecessary" step for next Friday's vote.

He said he would defy the whip and vote in favour of Mr Richard Shepherd's Bill, which aims to reform the discredited section two of the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Heath's action is certain to increase his isolation

Mr Shepherd has won all-party backing for his Protection of Official Information Bill, but the Prime Minister is opposed to legislation on matters of national security being dealt with by a private member's Bill.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, will address the Conservative home affairs committee on Thursday as part of efforts to limit the number of backbenchers who will vote for Mr Shepherd's Bill.

Mr Hurd has already announced that the Government intends to publish its own White Paper on reforming the Act, but yesterday Mr Shepherd said ministers' reaction to his Bill had been "extraordinary".

# Portfolio Gold

## £24,000 shared by three

Three winners share the £24,000 prize for the weekly Portfolio competition.

Philip Morgan, aged 40, a draughtsman, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, plans to spend some of his £8,000 on a holiday, possibly in America, and on a new car.

The prize came at an opportune time for Mr Ed Lemon, aged 32, an analytical chemist, of Eaton Socon, near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

He is moving home next month and was worrying about the cost of renovation and furnishings for his new house.

Mr Frederick Llewellyn, aged 73, a retired chemist, of Wimbledon, south-west London, is in the process of deciding whether to spend his cash prize or keep it as a nest-egg.

The daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 is shared by three winners: Mrs Barbara Stockford, of Blandford Forum, Dorset; Mrs C Hunter of Gillingham, Kent, and Mrs A Haddon-Davies of Low Ham, Somerset.

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Mr Ed Lemon: £8,000 will help with home move

Electricity circuit-breakers

# Safety claims 'misleading'

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

The public is being dangerously misled by claims made for anti-electric shock devices for homes which prevent death, the Institution of Electrical Engineers has stated.

The institution has condemned as "irresponsible" recent publicity for so-called residual current devices, which help to protect users of electrical equipment by detecting minute changes in current caused by faults such as severed wires and power cuts.

Although used in industry for many years, the devices sprang to prominence in 1986, after a *That's Life* programme which highlighted their use in protecting against death from electric shock.

Since the programme, sales of portable devices costing about £30, designed to operate between electrical equipment and the mains, have run at about two million a year.

The institution is concerned that they have attained the status of a fail-safe device, and points out that their basic principle allows some dangerous faults to go undetected.

The devices detect and respond in milliseconds to tiny imbalances in current in the live and neutral wires caused by, for example, a hand touching a live wire. The device shuts off the current before the victim suffers an electric shock.

However, the institution states: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly that to place sole reliance for shock protection on residual current devices is fundamentally wrong. People must not be misled into a belief that whatever the state of their electrical installation and equipment an RCD will provide complete protection."

There are situations, such as if contact is made between the live and neutral wires simultaneously, where no imbalance is produced.

"Electricity must be treated with respect and applied and used correctly. This is the only true safeguard", the institution says.

# Farmers may grow firewood

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Farmers may soon be growing firewood for profit, if ideas being researched are taken up.

Wood such as willow grows quickly and can bring big savings compared with other fuel systems, scientists believe.

Wood's potential as an alternative energy source is being examined jointly by the Long Ashton Research Institute, near Bristol, and the Northern Ireland Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station, near Enniskillen.

The International Solar Energy Society believes that growing wood for fuel could help to support farmers and keep up jobs in rural areas, as well as offsetting the cost of storage and farm surpluses.

Willow wood chips have proved much cheaper than oil as a fuel for glass houses, and willow chip fuel briquettes have been found to compare favourably in energy value with those from other sources.

# Peugeot in hostages link denial

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Peugeot Talbot yesterday denied there was any link between the sale of second-hand car machinery to Iran and the exchange of French hostages.

Iran asked to buy the machinery, some of it 30 years old, when told by Peugeot Talbot that production of engines and gear boxes for the Iranian-built Peykan model would cease at the end of 1987.

Mr Brian Llewelyn, director of Peugeot Talbot public relations, said yesterday: "We are still waiting to hear from the Iranians which machines they want".

The deal is understood to be worth less than £3 million.

The Iranians have until January 31 to decide. Any machines not sold to Iran will be sold at auction in Britain.

The 1960s Hillman Hunter model was renamed the Peykan when the Iranians started to build it from kits of British parts in 1968.

Motorway repairs

# RAC demands end to bottlenecks

By Gregory Weingarten

The RAC says that motorways are affected by pinchpoints, such as the one where the M61 feeds into the M6 at Preston, Lancashire, where 13 people died last October when a tanker ploughed into the back of slow moving traffic caused by roadworks.

Bottlenecks regularly occur because of under capacity and poor planning, the RAC says.

The area where the accident occurred has been called "death junction" and has a history of traffic deaths. A three-lane carriageway abruptly feeds into one lane at this junction, before feeding into the M6.

The 30-mile stretch of road between Chorley and Lancaster, from the M61 to the M6, has been the scene of 49 traffic deaths in the past two years, including two of the worst accidents.

Road safety organizations are pressing the Department of Transport to end pinchpoints and bottlenecks by improving the motorway system, and by not building motorways that become obsolete soon after completion.

"In the long term, the biggest problem is under capacity", Mr Tony Lee, director of public affairs at the RAC, said. "Motorway traffic increased 17 pe r cent last year. Britain's roads simply are not big enough or wide enough to cope with traffic, and once you have too much traffic the situation is deplorably dangerous."

**Roadworks until next Monday:**

### London and South-east

**M11 Essex:** off peak lane closures and speed restrictions at jn 8 (Stansted airport); contraflow between jns 8 and 10 (Bishops Stortford/Duxford); carriageway closures at weekends with signed diversions.

**M275 Hampshire:** flyover construction between M27 and Rudmore roundabout.

**M2 Kent:** contraflow at jn 4 (Gillingham).

### Midlands

**M1 Leicestershire/Nottinghamshire:** contraflow between jns 24 and 25 (A6/E Midlands airport/Nottingham).

**M5 Hereford/Worcester:** lane closure in both directions between jns 5 and 6 (Bromsgrove/Worcester north). North-bound entry slip at jn 6 closed; overnight carriageway closures.

**M5 W Midlands:** lane closures between jns 1 and 6 (W Bromwich and Worcester N).

### North

**M62 W Yorkshire:** contraflow between jns 25 and 26 (Brighouse/M606 Bradford).

**M63 Greater Manchester:** jns 3 to 6 widening work, avoid area; follow signed routes and allow extra time for journeys to Manchester airport; restrictions for widening of Barton Bridge; peak hour congestion; construction of M63 flyover at Portwood roundabout, Stockport, roadwidth reduced to two lanes.

**A1 (M) S Yorkshire:** between A635 interchange, Marr and A638 interchange, Redhouse. Contraflow and slip road closures.

### Wales and West

**M4 Gwent:** lane restrictions between jns 23 and 24 (Magor/A48).

**M4 Mid Glamorgan:** jns 34 to 35 (Llantrisant/Bridgend/Pen-y-coed). Lane restrictions; jns 36 to 37 (Bridgend/Pyle); bridge repairs; lane restrictions east and westbound.

**M4 West Glamorgan:** eastbound lane closures at jn 45 (Swansea).

**M5 Somerset:** lane closures on both carriageways between jns 23 and 26 (A38/Wellington).

### Scotland

**M8 Lothian:** east-bound traffic down to hard shoulder only and no access from A899 at Livingston.

**M8 Strathclyde:** outside lanes closed both ways between jns 29 and 30 (Paisley/Erskine bridge).

**M9 Central region:** lane closures on both carriageways between jns 9 and 10 (M80/Stirling); jn 10 (Stirling) drainage repairs, inside lane closures.

**M90 Fife:** only one lane open on either carriageway at jn 1 (Admiralty flyover), near the Firth of Forth.

**Information compiled and supplied by AA Roadwatch**

# Motorists offered tea and jams

**Motorists who remember the 20-mile traffic jams that used to beset their holiday journeys to Devon and Cornwall in the 1950s and 1960s are being offered the chance to revisit notorious bottlenecks.**

**The West Country Tourist Board is offering "traffic jam weekends" in an area now served by better roads.**

**Trippers will be offered driving tours of former blackspots and will also be presented with a souvenir picture of a big tailback and a gallon of petrol for an old-fashioned price of five shillings (25p).**

**They will also be offered a clotted cream tea for 1s 6d (7½p) and a primus stove picnic for people leaving home at 5am and who remember stopping for dawn breakfasts**

**For those caught up in a modern-day jam of 10 miles or longer in July, there is a 25 per cent discount.**

**Mr Mike Weaver, managing director of the tourist board, hopes visitors will appreciate the road improvements that have since been made.**

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# Most voters believe poll tax less fair than rating system

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Government is facing growing opposition to its plans to introduce a flat-rate community charge with six out of 10 voters believing individuals in their household will pay more under the new system.

Only one quarter of voters agree with ministers that the community charge is fair and almost 67 per cent believe the present rating system, which has been widely criticised by the Government, is a fairer method of raising revenue locally.

The findings of a MORI opinion poll will give additional ammunition to Conservative critics of the proposed community charge who have attacked the Government, arguing that it is unfair and will prove damaging to the party at the next general election.

The Prime Minister will reply to the mounting criticism of one of the Government's most contentious pieces of legislation by pointing out that it was in the manifesto on which all Conservative candidates fought the last general election.

Ministers are prepared for a rough ride as the measure passes through committee stage and into the House of Lords but the poll conducted by MORI for *The Times* shows that government efforts to promote the community charge have so far failed dismally.

The findings show a sharp rise in opposition to the tax since the general election and during the period last autumn when discussion of the plan was at its height.

MORI's poll shows a big swing against the Government with half Conservative supporters opposed to the plan for a flat rate community charge to be paid by everyone over 18, and opposition from 84 per cent of Labour supporters and three quarters of Alliance supporters.

Opposition to the poll tax has risen from 39 per cent at the time of the election to 65 per cent. Only 23 per cent now support the proposal while at the time of the general election 43 per cent supported it.

Six out of 10 voters said they expected people in their household to pay more under the community charge. Just 23 per cent believes the present rating system to be more costly.

One quarter of voters believe the new tax will be fairer and 57 per cent say that on balance the present rating system is fairer overall — an increase of 21 per cent on the figure for last July.

MORI, which conducted the survey among 1,000 adults in 67 constituency sampling points throughout Britain on December 29 and 30, found widespread opposition among all age groups and party supporters. It was opposed by three quarters of young people, 65 per cent of middle aged and 53 per cent of the over 55s. Seventy per cent of the working class were against the tax and 56 per cent of the middle classes. Opposition came from 60 per cent of homeowners and three quarters of council house tenants.

Meanwhile MORI found that of the 210 council house tenants in the 1,000 sample, a big majority wanted to remain tenants of local authorities. Under the Government's housing Bill tenants will be given the choice between a local council or private body, such as a housing association, as a landlord. But 79 per cent of those questioned said they would choose the local council with only 14 per cent favouring another body.

# Sea gives up 1758 treasures



Back from the deep: from top left, clockwise: a half-hour sandglass recovered from the bosun's store, a child's shoe, a wooden ballast spade, a seaman's square wooden plate and a stave-built tankard (Photographs: Nick Rogers).

By Andrew Morgan

A collection of unique eighteenth-century naval artefacts from HMS Invincible, which sank off Portsmouth in 1758, will be handed over next week to the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust in Kent.

Some 1,200 items have been recovered so far by Invincible Conservations (1744-58) Ltd, operating under licence from the Department of Transport, and the Chatham Trust is acquiring 218 items.

These make up the most significant collection from a naval vessel since the Mary Rose. They range from the galley's cauldron to pieces of coal, leather shoes and an hourglass that still works.

The most exciting finds include a square wooden plate (the origin of the expression "square meal").

The collection will form part of a permanent exhibition on eighteenth-century warship construction which the trust hopes to open in 1990 in the Mast House and Mould Loft at Chatham, at present under restoration.

HMS Invincible was lost on the Horse Tail sandbank at the start of an expedition to Fort Louisberg in Canada, to fight the French.

The wreck was discovered in 1979 when a trawler's nets snagged on a timber.

Mr Simon Aked, conservation director, said: "The Invincible is as informative about the eighteenth century as the Mary Rose was on Tudor times.

"One exciting discovery was that military buttons were found to have regimental numbers, previously thought to have first appeared in 1767. The find shows they existed in at least 1758."

The Southern Water Authority has told the company that it intends to release raw sewage into the sea less than a mile from the wreck from November, 1989. Mr Aked said it was unlikely that work will be completed by then.

# MPs raise muddle of grants for trawlers

By Paul Vallely

MPs are to question senior Civil Servants about a £30 million grant to modernize the fishing industry.

Grants of £15 million were intended to induce trawler companies to remove vessels from their fleets to produce smaller British catches in line with EEC fishing quotas and in the wake of the cod war with Iceland.

Several firms took the decommissioning money and then sold the boats at a substantial profit, according to a report by the National Audit Office.

The report criticizes the Government for "the absence of an overall co-ordinated plan, effectively executed".

Most of the boats would have been withdrawn from fishing within the following year without the carrot of taxpayers' money, it concludes.

At the same time, the Government was handing out £15.9 million in grants for the construction of new boats which, on average, were capable of catching 60 per cent more fish than the ones they replaced.

Many of the new boats are designed to catch fish which were already severely restricted under EEC quotas.

Overall the £30 million cash grants reduced the industry's net capacity by less than 7 per cent.

Mr Thomas Boyd, a leading trawler owner and chairman of the Boyd Line which received almost £1 million in the decommissioning grants, said: "The overall policy during the last 10 years has been a complete shambles".

The report is to be considered by the Commons public accounts committee on January 20. Mr Derek Andrews, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and his Scottish counterpart, Mr Loudon Hamilton, are to give evidence.

MPs are likely to raise the issue of those decommissioning grants which were paid to trawler owners who brought boats out of retirement to qualify for the grants which averaged at £500,000 for a dozen of the larger trawlers.

Labour members have already asked why virtually none of this was passed on to the fishermen who lost their jobs.






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WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

# Time honoured rules for Cabinet



Lord Trend, Cabinet Secretary from 1963 to 1973.

Cabinet discussions leak like the proverbial sieve and have done since they became a regular feature of British government in the nineteenth century. Gladstone often complained of what he called the regular "leakages" from his, or as he more accurately would put it, the Queen's, Cabinet.

Yet talk around that celebrated table in 10 Downing Street remains the most private conversation in the country. The full minute of Cabinet meetings circulates within only a tiny circle of officials and politicians. Most Civil Servants, even of the most senior departmental ranks, see only fragments of the minute taken by the Cabinet Secretary.

Cabinet work is something akin to freemasonry. The Cabinet Secretary in the 1950s, Sir Norman Brook, had as his assistant Burke Trend, later Lord Trend, who became Cabinet Secretary himself; there is little wonder that the way Cabinet business is conducted obeys time-honoured rules.

There is therefore more than antiquarian interest in reading the record of Cabinet conversation, even 30 years after the event.

In spite of the passage of the years, and the death of most of the political participants, the Cabinet archive is a great source for anyone interested in how present-day government works. It can safely be assumed the mechanics have not changed much between 1957 — the year for which the records are now open at the Public Record Office — and 1988.

Cabinets, we can infer, are both wonderfully economical in their discussions and at the same time prolix to the point of going round in circles on a single issue.

Of course personalities make a difference. It is difficult to see Mrs Thatcher tolerating from the older Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone the rapid fire interventions couched in extravagant rhetoric that the Cabinet minute-taker jotted down from the mouth of the younger man of 30 years ago.

Yet it is a fair bet that the rhythm of Cabinets is the same. Thirty years ago the Cabinet could turn, easily, from discussing nuclear Armageddon to worrying about the Nash terraces around Hyde Park.

Marginal subjects such as whether a certain retired rear-admiral had a valid claim to a full Navy pension fill the agenda as readily as the nation's economy.

Mrs Thatcher is often presented (on the uncertain evidence of her press secretary, Mr Bernard Ingham) as dominating the Cabinet. Again, it is probable that she shares with her predecessors in office the capacity to lose in Cabinet as well as win.

What is not new is the ability of a Prime Minister to keep an entire issue out of Cabinet for a long time. Macmillan acted unilaterally over the fire at Windscale. It was not until a month after the disaster that the Cabinet was told what he had agreed with Sir Edwin Plowden, chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority.

For conspiracy theorists, the Cabinet minutes of the past are generally disappointing and so are Mrs Thatcher's likely to be when and if they are ever opened for inspection. The likelihood is that her Cabinet spends most of its time on the matters that preoccupied its predecessors.

They are, as measured by column inches in the Public Record Office: pensions (notably teachers' pensions); local government; Scotland and Wales (receiving a totally disproportionate amount of political time); traffic in London; the Royal Family and the preservation of listed buildings.

Civil war in Whitehall, page 7

WORLD ROUNDUP

# US urged to shift weapons policy

**Washington** — A high-level defence report to be presented to President Reagan this week urges the United States to move beyond cataclysmic nuclear weapons and to concentrate on building more highly accurate non-nuclear weapons that could be used in regional conflicts without triggering all-out war between the superpowers (Michael Binyon writes).

The report on long-term offensive and defensive strategy, by a 13-man commission which includes Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, says that threatening a nuclear exchange that would devastate the Soviet Union and the United States was not a reliable deterrent to would-be aggressors in the Third World. It also warns that the Soviet Union could seize the Gulf unless the US and its allies strengthen their military capabilities in the area.

● **ROME:** The Pope, looking ahead to his meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, praised the superpowers for limiting medium-range nuclear weapons and urged them to take steps to scrap long-range missiles and chemical weapons.

# Kim olive branch

**Seoul** — An historic meeting is expected to take place today between President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea and Mr Kim Dae Jung, the veteran dissident leader, which is aimed at paving the way for a smooth transition to democratic rule next month (Gavin Bell writes).

Under the Chun regime, Mr Kim has been sentenced to death for alleged sedition, sent into exile in the United States, and placed under house arrest on his return.

The surprise invitation to meet his former persecutor came as preparations went ahead to inaugurate Mr Roh Tae Woo, of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, as Mr Chun's successor on February 25. Mr Kim promptly accepted.

# Noriega confusion

**Santo Domingo (AFP)** — General Manuel Antonio Noriega, head of the Panama Defence Forces, whose surprise arrival in the Dominican Republic on Saturday led to resignation rumours, yesterday appeared confused over the duration of his trip.

General Noriega, widely considered the *de facto* ruler of Panama, told the *Listin Diario* newspaper that he would return to Panama today, or in a week or two. "But I shall return," he vowed.

Confusion reigned in Panama City, where the Defence Forces said the general would spend just the weekend on a private holiday in Santo Domingo. Resignation rumours led crowds of demonstrators to celebrate in the streets.

# Zimbabwe boy delay

**Washington** — The Supreme Court issued a ruling at the weekend temporarily barring the State Department from taking custody of a nine-year-old Zimbabwean boy (Michael Binyon writes). The boy, Terrence Karamba, was allegedly beaten repeatedly by his father, a diplomat, and is now in the care of a New York child agency.

Justice Harry Blackmun's order stayed a lower court ruling that would have delivered Terrence to the State Department for eventual deportation. He directed all parties to submit more information by tomorrow evening.

# Haitian poll ban

**Port au Prince (AP)** — The electoral council appointed by the Government of Haiti announced at the weekend that it had approved the candidatures of 11 presidential contenders and disqualified 11 others, including eight former officials of the deposed Duvalier regime, for next Sunday's poll.

A communiqué was carried on the state-run television and radio stations. Among the 11 candidates discarded in the move were Duvalier supporters, including Mr Clovis Desinor, Mr Claude Raymond and Mr Alphonse Lahens.

# Tact over the Rock

**Algeciras** — Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, signalled a new, sensitive approach to Gibraltar at the weekend during his first official visit to the Campo area, north-west of the Rock (Dominique Searle writes).

He refused a proposed trip to the frontier to look at the site suggested for a Spanish air terminal and announced that he will send an official to sort out problems at the Spanish customs post at the Rock frontier. He also indicated that Spain may offer educational scholarships to young Gibraltarians.

# Embassies reprieved

**Washington** — The hard-pressed US State Department has been granted temporary relief from its budget crisis as Congress, in the final days of its last session, quietly appropriated some extra funding (Michael Binyon writes). The move gives the department $60 million (£33 million) more for salaries and operational expenses this year, enough to postpone a planned dramatic closure of 13 embassies and consulates, the dismissal of 1,270 employees and harsh economy measures. "The situation has gone from catastrophic to difficult," one official said.

# West struggles for unity to counter Gorbachov

It is barely a month since Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, made his end-of-year calls in Brussels in an atmosphere of bonhomie. At Nato headquarters he received congratulations and support for the superpower INF Treaty on Euromissiles. At the Berlaymont, the EEC headquarters, transatlantic trade differences were put on one side amid Christmas toasts.

Yet as 1988 gets under way and seasonal good will fades, Europe and America again find themselves at odds over both trade and arms control. There is growing pressure for a fully-fledged Western summit — not just the annual economic summit of industrial countries, but a Nato summit at which President Reagan, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and other leaders could confront the transatlantic divide, consider the Western response to Russia under Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, and chart the way forward.

"Western strategy needs to be sorted out before the next superpower summit in Moscow and before the new US President is elected," one Nato diplomat said. "We need some new thinking to match Gorbachov's own." There has not been a Nato summit for more than a decade.

So far the transatlantic debate has lacked direction. On this side of the Atlantic, the EEC is inching towards economic union in 1992 and is at last confronting farm spending, with crucial decisions on agricultural reform expected at next month's special EEC summit here. There are moves toward a European defence identity, through the Western European Union. But there is no clear idea of what shape Europe should take in the 1990s, and no clear idea either of the relationship between such a Europe and the United States.

The left has some ideas; John Palmer of *The Guardian* analyses the problem well in his recent *Europe Without America?* (OUP, £14.95). But his solution — a neutral, non-aligned, denuclearized Europe embracing East and West — will find few takers.

Europe's problems and challenges partly stem from EEC enlargement two years ago. On the trade front, a compromise over exports of US maize to Spain is on the verge of collapse. Washington is submitting a complaint to Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) over

## Brussels View
**By Richard Owen**

European barriers against oilseed imports; and the row rumbles on over alleged European subsidies for the Airbus. As a result, Europe and America are again teetering on the edge of a damaging trade dispute.

Differences over defence also remain unresolved. While welcoming the INF deal, the Europeans are worried that the next superpower accord might not take account of European interests. One fear is that, having abolished intermediate and shorter-range weapons in Europe, Moscow and Washington will take further steps towards "denuclearization" by doing away with the third tier of nuclear weapons, namely short-range missiles with a range below 300 miles.

Beyond these anxieties lies a growing feeling that, some 40 years after Nato was set up, the assumptions on which the Atlantic alliance were based are in question. The generation which created the post-war world is dying out. Europeans increasingly doubt America's role as protector of Western interests, and are inclined to equate one superpower with the other. In America, there is a tendency to blame Europe for failing to support Washington in its world role and failing to contribute enough to common defences at a time of US budgetary troubles.

One difficulty is that Europe is itself divided over both defence and farm support, with the spotlight on West Germany, which by an accident of history has inherited the EEC presidency and is expected to lead Europe just as these issues are coming to the boil. In budgetary matters, Bonn seeks the impossible by wanting a solution which does not adversely affect German farmers. In arms control, most other Europeans feel that Bonn is susceptible to Soviet pressure over the "third zero", since the fact that short-range missiles can hit only German targets, in East or West, makes their abolition attractive, even to conservatives in Bonn who otherwise favour military strength.

In France last week, President Mitterrand firmly rejected the "third zero" when it was put forward by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, on his visit to Paris. It remains to be seen whether Herr Kohl can take as firm a stand next week when he meets Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Moscow, after all, does have a coherent strategy, and is adept — on past performances — at putting pressure on the West at its weakest points before the West, with its cumbersome democratic practices, has had time to construct a united front.

# Rabin boosts Gaza forces to stamp out Arab unrest

**From Iain Murray, Jerusalem**

As the Gaza Strip recovered from the worst spate of violence in the month since unrest in the occupied territories began, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, told the Cabinet yesterday that the extent of the troubles had been underestimated. He said that reinforcements were being sent in to quell the riots.

The Cabinet, meeting in secret as the ministerial committee on security, was told that the Army, under orders from Mr Rabin since Christmas to "get tough", will continue its current methods and deployment. There was no sign during the meeting of any change of policy beyond sending in more troops to act more firmly. Mr Ariel Sharon, the Trade and Industry Minister, called for a special committee to oversee policy, but Mr Rabin rejected this as unnecessary.

This means that troops are patrolling in big units with orders to break up demonstrations as quickly as possible. The larger numbers available in the Strip yesterday succeeded for much of the day in keeping trouble to a minimum. Nevertheless, there were serious disturbances at Mughazi camp, where two people were shot and killed last Thursday, and at Rafiah, where demonstrators took to the streets as news spread that a man, aged 65, from the town had died of wounds he received there when troops opened fire on a demonstration on December 16.

United Nations sources said that at least 17 people were wounded in Mughazi and two others in Rafiah. The total death toll since disturbances began on December 9 is now put at 29.

Despite the increased army presence, with up to 10,000 troops reportedly available for patrols in the Strip alone, young Palestinians continue to try to make large areas "no-go" for Israeli cars and troops.

Inside Gaza town, and in the camps on each side of the road yesterday, plumes of black smoke from burning tyres showed the wide, continuing scale of the defiance.

In Arab east Jerusalem, tear gas was used yesterday to break up a demonstration against the occupation by women assembled outside Herod's Gate of the Old City. As police moved in to arrest some of them, the officers were attacked by stone-throwing youths. When a number of these youths were arrested, they were repeatedly kicked and beaten by the police.

The UN investigation into the unrest and Israeli handling of it began quietly yesterday with a meeting between Mr Marrack Goulding, the UN Under Secretary-General for special political affairs, and the two directors from the UN camps in the West Bank and Gaza.

● **LONDON:** Efforts to put Anglo-Israeli relations back on course were under way yesterday with both governments lowering the temperature following what an Israeli diplomat called "the Mellor incident" (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, last week severely criticized conditions in a Gaza Strip refugee camp.

Mrs Thatcher's staff said that she was ready to meet Mr Shamir, if he came to London on a private visit. The sources denied reports in some Sunday newspapers that the Israeli Prime Minister had been "snubbed". They said that he had not been seeking an invitation, as far as they knew.

# Escape for 52 as plane skids into sea



A passenger aircraft resting in shallow water yesterday after it had skidded off the end of a runway at Yonago airport in western Japan. The 48 passengers and four crew on the Toa Domestic Airlines flight were all rescued, and only three people were injured. Airport officials said that nobody was killed because the turboprop YS11 aircraft plunged into a shallow bay in the Sea of Japan. The aircraft stopped less than 100ft from the end of the runway, at a point where the water was less than 10ft deep. Light snow was falling as the two-engined aircraft took off for Osaka on an internal flight.

# Oil firm faces huge pollution damages

**From Charles Bremner, New York**

**A Chicago judge is expected to announce one of the biggest damages awards in history today when he fixes compensation for the Breton towns whose seashores were coated with crude oil from the break-up of the supertanker Amoco Cadiz 10 years ago.**

**In the epilogue to what is still the world's worst shore pollution disaster, Judge Frank McGarr will tell the Amoco oil company how much it must pay the hoteliers, fishermen and local councils to compensate for the clean-up and loss of income inflicted by the 223,000 tonnes of crude which gushed from the tanker in March 1978. Two hundred miles of Brittany's coastline were coated in the slick, which devastated local wildlife.**

**"We're optimistic. We feel the judge is going to give the largest award ever given in a maritime pollution case," said Mr Ronald Allen, one of a team of lawyers who fought the long legal battle for the French.**

**The French are claiming some $600 million (£330 million) while the oil company has said it doubts that its liability exceeds $148 million. Only $50 million will be covered by Amoco's insurance.**

**Judge McGarr in 1984 after a six-month trial decided that the Chicago-based company and its subsidiaries Amoco International Oil Company and Amoco Transport Company were negligent in operating the tanker and liable for damages.**

**Amoco was in turn allowed to sue the Spanish shipyard which built the 200,000-ton tanker.**

# Thatcher steps up efforts to achieve Mandela's release

**By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent**

After her visit to Kenya and Nigeria, the Prime Minister is expected to give high priority to persuading Pretoria to release Nelson Mandela, former leader of the African National Congress, from prison.

Although Britain has long backed calls by the Commonwealth and the European Community for Mandela's release, the new emphasis is thought to signal a wish by Mrs Margaret Thatcher to play a more active role.

Official sources believe that freeing Mandela, who was imprisoned in 1964, would create the conditions for a dialogue between Pretoria and black South Africans, including the ANC.

At this point Mrs Thatcher would probably welcome an invitation to visit South Africa. But the sources added that, while Mandela's release would be seen as a positive signal, it was not a condition for Mrs Thatcher's acceptance of an invitation.

By stressing her interest in his future, Downing Street has shifted the focus away from her previously hostile attitude to the ANC. At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference at Vancouver in October, she described it as a terrorist organization.

This caused some surprise because both Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, have held meetings with Dr Oliver Tambo, the ANC's acting president. Since the Vancouver conference the Foreign Office has had further contact with the ANC's London representatives, implicitly distancing itself from the "terrorist" remark.

It is also thought that Mrs Thatcher would welcome an invitation to Zimbabwe, in spite of harsh public exchanges between herself and Mr Robert Mugabe at Vancouver. She has said that her opposition to mandatory comprehensive sanctions is based on a belief that they make the abolition of apartheid less likely.

Any measure of successful British influence in obtaining Mandela's freedom would help to mend fences with both Zimbabwe and Zambia.

President Botha is reported to be looking for a way to make the release of Mandela acceptable to right-wing elements. The release last November of Mr Govan Mbeki, the former ANC chairman who was also jailed in 1964, raised hopes that it was designed to test the water. Two South African ministers hinted that Mr Mbeki's behaviour and the public reaction to his release could determine Pretoria's decision.

# Howe's Japan air fare plea

**From David Watts, Oita City, southern Japan**

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, has quickly outlined the principal themes of his visit to Japan — the establishment of a new rapport between Britain and Japan and the need for further liberalization of trade.

Japanese-British relations "need fully to reflect our importance to each other. They need to reflect the weight that Japan and Britain each carry in our interdependent world as standard bearers of political freedom and economic dynamism."

The two countries needed to work together in the search for solutions to international political and economic problems, he said. The message he was carrying to Tokyo in the talks beginning today was "it's time for our two countries to open a new chapter in the relations between them, to forge a new partnership." Today he will see the Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita.

Over a television conference link-up with Tokyo on Saturday, Sir Geoffrey told Mr Akio Morita of Sony, who built his British factory at Bridgend, that there were now 72 key Japanese investments in Britain.

Sir Geoffrey was barely off the plane in this southern prefecture before he was urging cheaper air fares as a means of promoting closer contacts, noting that London-Tokyo air fares were equivalent to nine times the price per mile of those between London and New York.

The need for all countries to abandon agricultural protectionism came up several times as he toured a rural prefecture which is trying to discourage any further increase in the size of Japan's "rice mountain."

It was not only rice, for which the Japanese consumer pays eight times the world price, that was on his mind. In Japan the consumer also pays nine times the world price for sugar and six times the world price for wheat. "That is Japan's manifestation of the problems of too much protectionism for agriculture. We've all got to change," he said.

# Israeli alarm at Syrian gas warhead

**From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem**

Israeli military analysts are deeply concerned that Syria has perfected a nerve gas warhead capable of being delivered by one of its Scud missiles. American intelligence reports, shared with Israel, have suggested for some time that Syria is the most advanced country in the region in terms of chemical warfare capabilities.

Recognition of this growing threat led in November to a massive civil defence exercise in which all Jewish secondary schoolchildren were given gas-mask drill. Arab-Israeli lawyers have, in fact, started legal proceedings for discrimination against the school authorities on the grounds that no masks were available for Arab children. As part of the programme to protect the population, mask distribution centres are now being set up at some 600 sites around the country.

Beyond the Scud missile chemical warheads, Syria has also invested considerable effort in developing a variety of delivery systems for nerve gas for use by both aircraft and artillery.

An exhaustive study last summer by the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University predicted that, if Syria were to use its chemical weapons, it would be more likely to concentrate on neutralizing key military positions and to register genuine military achievements rather than in a broader tack which would cause large civilian casualties and a powerful Israeli military response.

**Riyadh (Reuter)** — **President Mubarak of Egypt discussed Iranian threats in the Gulf in talks here yesterday and warned that Egypt would not tolerate an Iranian attack on Gulf Arab states. On the first stop of his tour marking restoration of full diplomatic ties with Gulf states, Mr Mubarak held separate talks with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Mr Frank Carlucci, US Defence Secretary, here on a Gulf tour which ended yesterday.**

The Jaffee centre has concluded that there are three likely scenarios for the use of chemical warfare by Syria. The first would be to obtain a first strike advantage. The second would be as a last resort before an impending military defeat. The last would be as a deterrent. Of the three, the first strike scenario is considered "least likely".

Nevertheless, Syria's economic problems, which have meant that it is not capable of achieving the military superiority to Israel desired by President Assad, have added to the danger that the weapons could be used in a sudden attack to regain the Golan Heights, which were lost in the 1967 war. The centre estimates that Syria would not be deterred by moral taboos, given that such weapons have been employed in the region, notably in Yemen in the 1960s and more recently by Iraq against Iran.

With exhaustive intelligence reports about the chemical warfare threat available to the Ministry of Defence, plans to counter it have been drawn up. One of them inevitably is a mission to bomb the production plant, reported to be north of Damascus. However, Syria is well protected along its borders by batteries of Sam ground-to-air missiles, which would make such a raid extremely dangerous.

# Vote sparks Karachi riots



Dr Sattar hailing his election as the mayor of Karachi.

**From Zahid Hussain, Karachi**

Troops were called out in several districts of Karachi yesterday morning after three people had been killed and 25 injured in a night of rioting.

The violence followed a victory march by supporters of the nationalist Mohajir Quomi Movement, whose candidates were elected mayor and deputy mayor of Pakistan's biggest city on Saturday.

Clashes between two rival ethnic groups broke out when thousands of young people carrying MQM flags set several petrol pumps and vehicles on fire and blocked roads in the city's central and eastern districts. The driver of a district magistrate was shot dead in north Karachi and a taxi driver was lynched.

At least 15 people were injured in armed clashes between the MQM supporters and rival ethnic groups in Patel Para district, central Karachi and Shah Faisal Colony in east Karachi.

The clashes continued in Gulbahar and Patel Para in central Karachi yesterday morning and crowds blocked traffic in many parts of the city.

On Saturday the Mohajir-dominated Karachi Metropolitan Corporation elected unopposed Dr Farooq Sattar, a medical graduate aged 26, and Raziq Khan, a lawyer, as mayor and deputy mayor.

Last week a Mohajir nominee was elected mayor of another Sind city, Hyderabad. With these two cities now under its control, the MQM, a militant nationalist organization of Urdu-speaking refugees from India, has become an important force in Sind.

# Greece blocks Turkey's Aegean claim

**By Our Diplomatic Correspondent**

**Greece will today block what it sees as an attempt by Turkey to promote its claims over a large area of the Aegean Sea. It will reject as "politically motivated" a proposal by Ankara that it should begin providing search-and-rescue services over areas of the sea covered at present by Athens.**

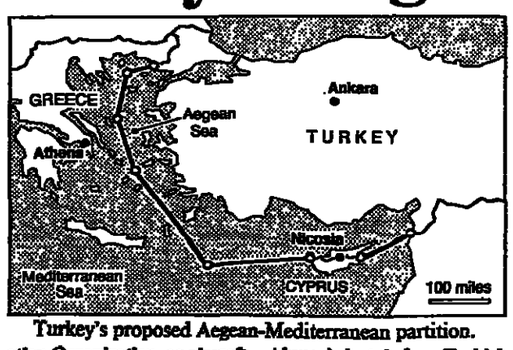
**The issue demonstrates that, even at a time when talks between the Greek and Turkish Prime Ministers are on the cards, the Aegean dispute remains as sensitive as ever.**

**A Greek government letter is to be distributed to embassies in London today by the International Maritime Organization, which regulates the areas patrolled by different countries under a 1979 convention.**

**It responds to a map filed with the IMO in October which showed the areas over which Turkey proposed to provide cover. The boundaries are almost identical to those of the Aegean continental shelf area which Ankara claims.**

**The Greek letter replies that these areas "consist overwhelmingly of sovereign Greek territory" and calls the Turkish plan "unrealistic". Greek sources see the Turkish proposal as an attempt to reintroduce by the back door its long-stalled efforts to change the map of the Aegean.**

**Nearly all the Aegean islands close to the Turkish coast are Greek-owned, with the result that the median line between Greek and Turkish waters is in places only two miles from the Turkish coast. The same line is recognized by the International Civil Aviation Organization, as aircraft flying over the Aegean have to report to Istanbul traffic control when they cross it.**




Turkey's proposed Aegean-Mediterranean partition.

**In 1974 Turkey attempted to make aircraft report as soon as they reached the much wider areas which it claimed. It issued a "Notam" (Notice to Airmen) just before Turkish troops occupied Northern Cyprus.**

**Athens replied by declaring the Aegean a danger zone, which effectively closed all air corridors across it.**

**In 1980 Turkey withdrew its "Notam" and flights across the Aegean resumed, but it continued to show that it had not abandoned its long-term claim. Turkish military aircraft continued to overfly the dozens of Greek islands in the disputed waters. Athens treats these incidents as infringements of its airspace.**

**Greece and Turkey came close to a military confrontation early last year in a row over oil-drilling rights in international waters. The incident was prompted by a misunderstanding of Greek government moves to secure a majority holding in the North Aegean Petroleum Company. As the company had declared an intention to drill outside Greek territorial waters, this was thought in Ankara to mean that Athens was about to start treating the disputed continental shelf as its own territory.**

## National Front leader rallies troops for presidential battle

# Le Pen adopts new image but far right keeps a savage face

From Philip Jacobson, Nice

Grey-faced with fatigue, his voice hoarse and cracking, Jean-Marie Le Pen stood beneath a single spotlight on the darkened stage.

Behind him were the emblem of his ultra-right-wing National Front party and a huge montage proclaiming "Le Pen, President."

Several thousand of his most fervent supporters chanted his name, cheered and stamped their feet. Arms raised aloft, their leader saluted them for the last time.

In an immaculately orchestrated finale yesterday, the party launched M Le Pen on the last stage of his campaign for France's presidential election in the spring. It was the climax of a weekend in which the sharply contrasting faces of the National Front were on public display.

At the magnificent Acropolis Centre, prosperous-looking men, many in *smoking* (dinner jacket), and their fashionably dressed wives sat appreciatively through a Beethoven piano recital. At the Nice war memorial next morning, party members decorated for their service to France paraded with regimental banners dipped to honour the nation's dead.

And at the Acropolis, as speaker after speaker harangued the delegates assembled to honour M Le Pen, the raw and disturbing countenance was on display as never before. North African immigrants, Communists, intellectuals, the liberal press, *la classe politique*: all received a ritual savaging for conspiring to cast down what the front's leader defines as "the true and only France".

His vision is what the believers came to Nice, mostly at their own expense, to hear proclaimed. For the moment, all worries about the continuing slump in National Front support – down from 15 per cent to single figures in the past few months – were swept away by the populist fervour that the beaming M Le Pen, sporting his much-discussed new hairstyle, arouses so effortlessly.

The central theme of the Nice convention was "a man, the forces that sustain him, the ideas that inspire him", and a new booklet called *Passport for Victory* filled in the background for the uninitiated.

With new proposals for tackling the extremely sensitive issue of immigrants' rights to French citizenship published last week, it was instructive to find the National Front posing the following elementary equation. "If there are 500,000 illegal immigrants in France, how long would it take to send them all home on charter flights seating 101 people?" The answer: "More than 13 years!"

This is by no means the only swipe M Le Pen takes at the policies of the present conservative Government of M Jacques Chirac. The National Front, for all its obsession with the "Red peril", will be gunning primarily for the rival candidates of the right in the forthcoming election.

The Chirac Government is already busily outflanking M Le Pen with a high-profile campaign on law and order, from street crime to terrorism. The objective is to confine his support to the hard-core National Front pool.

M Le Pen, alert to this threat, appears to be trimming furiously. The official biography handed out at Nice makes no mention of his previous and widely derided claim to have been active in the French Resistance in his early teens. There is no mention, either, of the candidate's estranged wife, the vivacious Pierrette.

Although M Le Pen kept his nerve when she posed for a girlie magazine in a drastically abbreviated maid's uniform, Pierrette is dogging his footsteps ominously. She has now made allegations – firmly denied – that he has illegally salted away a small fortune in a numbered Swiss account.

One of M Le Pen's articles of faith is that many French are keeping quiet about their intention to vote National Front for fear of being branded as racists. But do these shadowy supporters really exist? Perhaps in southern cities and towns such as Nice,

Yet recent national opinion polls suggest that almost two-thirds of the population believe that the front, with its turbulent MPs and ubiquitous crop-haired and blazered *muscles*, represents a threat to French democracy. Nothing that took place in Nice is likely to have changed their minds.



Extremism's would-be acceptable face: M Le Pen, with a new hairstyle, taking the sun and the plaudits on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

# Tough Korea law enforces Aids test on bar girls

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

Thousands of young women in Seoul carry unusual identity cards in their handbags. Each bears their photograph, a series of ink stamps, and a warning in English: "Remember – if the stamp is red, don't take her to bed; if the stamp is blue, it's up to you – but be careful!"

The girls are prostitutes and the stamps indicate the results of weekly tests for venereal diseases. Soon many will be issued with new cards attesting to whether they have succumbed to a more deadly infection – Aids.

Although barely affected by the disease, South Korea has acted firmly, and some would say harshly, to prevent it from spreading. Recently it became the first country to introduce specific anti-Aids legislation.

Under the Prevention of Aids law, victims and virus carriers may be imprisoned for three years for unauthorized sexual activity. Tests are obligatory, twice a year, for prostitutes, bar hostesses and employees of night clubs, and the authorities may isolate Aids sufferers.

Dr Lee Sung Woo, director-general of the Bureau of Public Health, believes the legislation is necessary to prevent an epidemic. "Other countries do not understand why we are taking such strict steps. Some say they are discriminatory and inhuman, but we are trying to help Aids victims. If we do not control them, within a few years we may have thousands more."

In the past two years 12 people have been tested positive for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, meaning they have been infected by the disease. Eight were prostitutes and three were men working in Saudi Arabia.

Dr Lee said: "The incidence in Korea is small, but it is doubling every year. We may not succeed in stopping it spreading with this law because there are factors, such as sexual activity, which we cannot check. But we are sure we can inhibit it.

"The prostitutes are effectively banned from their profession. As for the married men, we ask them to refrain from sex if possible or to wear a condom. If any of them are found to have ignored our advice, the law allows us to segregate them, but we hope this will not be necessary. It is simply a preventive measure."

Not everybody in Korea favours the new law. Its critics include Dr Helen Chu, director of the Yongsan-Ku public health centre in Seoul, who devotes most of her time to helping and advising the city's estimated 20,000 prostitutes.

"I don't like it. It infringes on human rights, and anyway it will be difficult to enforce. How do they know if somebody is having sex?"

A problem for Dr Chu is that prostitution is illegal, making it impossible to keep track of bar girls and street walkers. Yet every week more than 70 of them attend lectures at her clinic on sexually transmitted diseases, and her staff have conducted 4,000 Aids tests in the past two years.

The message, whether by the Government's radical legislation or by Dr Chu's more sympathetic approach, appears to have reached the "Hot Love Bar" in Itaewon, a red-light district of Seoul.

There Yun, a hospitality girl, admitted: "I'm scared, but I like my job and I don't like to go prison, so every time I check my body in hospital. You want to see my card?" The poetic warning was there but, as yet, no assurance that Yun was not dying of Aids.

# Burmese blame Karens for train blast

**Bangkok** – The Burmese Government has blamed Karen rebels for the bomb which killed eight passengers and injured 35 on the express train from Mandalay to Rangoon (Neil Kelly writes).

The incident coincided with reports of serious setbacks to the Burmese Army's new campaign against the Karens and a smaller rebel group in eastern Burma, the Karennis. Reports from Thai intelligence and rebel sources say that reinforcements have had to be sent to two Burmese battalions, about 2,000 men, trapped in remote mountains east of the Salween river.

## London link in drugs charge

**Athens** – Two London-based Greek Cypriots and three Greek seamen have been charged with drug trafficking, after police stormed a seaside hotel room and found 1 kg of heroin, valued at £55,000, hidden inside an orthopaedic corset.

The room was occupied by Mr Paul Andronikou, aged 41, a London restaurant owner, and Mr Loukas Andreou, aged 67, both Cypriots living in London.

## 'Spy' held

**Cairo (Reuter)** – Mr Ali Abdel-Hamid Subhelbad, an Egyptian teacher, has been arrested on charges of spying for Israel.

## Robbers to die

**Amman (Reuter)** – Nasser Muhammad Ali and Ahmed Salim Jumaa have been sentenced to death by a military court for murdering a money-changer in Amman during an armed robbery.

## Seven killed

**Bogotá (Reuter)** – Gunmen stormed a house outside the Colombian city of Medellin and abducted seven people whose bullet-ridden bodies were later found near by.

## Sea scourge

**Amsterdam (Reuter)** – The Netherlands, battling a 100-ton oil slick which has killed thousands of seabirds and polluted beaches, has called for international co-operation to trace and prosecute those who dump oil illegally in the North Sea.

## Kidney offer

**Palermo (Reuter)** – Maurizio Bondini, aged 25, a penniless Italian awaiting trial for murder has offered to donate a kidney for transplant in exchange for the services of a defence lawyer.

## Pilot saved

**Reykjavik (AP)** – Ares Klootwyk, a British pilot of Dutch extraction, was rescued from the North Atlantic after the single-engine plane he was ferrying from the US to Europe ran out of fuel and crashed off the western coast of Iceland.

# Test of glasnost in Moscow meeting of independent left

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin's policy of *glasnost* will face a critical test at the end of this month when leaders of the country's mushrooming left-wing discussion and political clubs intend to stage a three-day conference in Moscow with guests from foreign left-wing organizations.

One of the three organizers, Mr Boris Kagalitsky, told *The Times* yesterday: "As yet the authorities have not accepted our conditions for the conference, which will be the acid test of their attitude to the groups. If they refuse us official sanction, we still plan to go ahead with the conference anyway."

Leaders of the controversial National Federation of Socialist Public Clubs, set up last August at the first public meeting of the groups – which are not linked to the ruling Communist Party, but at the same time claim not to be dissident – have been negotiating with leaders of the Komsomol, the party's main youth organization.

"Last week they gave us permission, but imposed conditions which were unacceptable," said Mr Kagalitsky, who served 13 months as a political prisoner during the Brezhnev era. "We have now sent them a document with conditions which we insist must be met. We hope that we will receive the official go-ahead, but if not, we have our own contingency plans."

Although the new *Niformalny* (unofficial) groups were originally encouraged by the Kremlin, they fell out of favour when they organized demonstrations over the sacking of the Moscow Communist Party chief, Mr Boris Yeltsin.

Mr Kagalitsky is a member of the Moscow-based Club for Social Initiatives. He said that delegates from 40 Soviet clubs and groups and 10 from foreign organizations had been invited to the conference, due to be held between January 28 and 31.

In recent weeks, there have been increasing signs of a conservative backlash against the activities of the clubs, particularly their plans to field candidates in elections for local soviets (councils) and to try to organize free trade unions.

## Prague Spring hero praises Gorbachov

# Dubcek attempts a comeback

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Mr Alexander Dubcek, the disgraced Czechoslovak leader, launched an astonishing comeback attempt yesterday by granting his first detailed interview with a Western newspaper since Soviet tanks crushed the Prague Spring in 1968.

The interview with the Italian Communist newspaper, *l'Unità*, laid bare some of the profound differences between reformers and the Old Guard in the Gorbachov era. It is also a serious embarrassment for the new Czechoslovak Communist Party leader, Mr Milo Jakes, who arrives in Moscow today.

Mr Dubcek, aged 66, who is now a retired forestry worker, sides openly with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov in the interview and in his most telling phrase says that a Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia would be "unthinkable" today. Although he does not make a direct attack on Mr Jakes, or his predecessor, Mr Gustav Husak, ousted on December 17 last year, Mr Dubcek makes plain that the Communist Party needs a complete overhaul.

He calls for his own rehabilitation, and those of thousands of other party leaders who after the quashing of his reforms were expelled and forced to take jobs as window cleaners, stokers and nightwatchmen.

A call for rehabilitation is an obvious shot at Mr Jakes, who was responsible for examining the 480,000 dossiers on Czechoslovak Communist Party members after the Soviet-led invasion. He was the leader of the great purge and responsible for the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Communists.

But Mr Dubcek, who lives quietly with his wife in a cottage in Bratislava, evidently wants to do more than set the record straight. The interview – given on December 19 last year, two days after the accession of the new party leader – is an attempt to stake out the reformist position and ensure that Mr Jakes does not fob off the country with cosmetic changes.

To protect himself from arrest, Mr Dubcek constantly invokes the guardian spirit of Mr Gorbachov and has chosen a Communist Party organ for his comments.

Quotations from the interview include:

- Would it have been possible to avoid the military intervention in 1968? "Today we know that it would not have been possible, that it was not in the power of the Czechoslovaks ... But quite frankly I can say that, if the Soviet Communist Party had the leaders it has today, then the invasion would have been unthinkable."
- Mr Dubcek describes the Gorbachov reforms as "indispensable." They are "not identical (with his own reforms), but there are notable similarities".

# CIA cash funds Afghan rebels at war – and on holiday

By Edward Gorman

A crucial element in any peace solution for Afghanistan under discussion at next month's Geneva talks will be whether the United States is prepared to end its aid programme to the Mujahidin resistance, the CIA's biggest covert commitment.

The Soviet Union has long argued that it would be willing to pull out of Afghanistan, provided that the US and other Western governments are prepared to stop supplying the guerrillas with millions of dollars worth of weapons and non-military assistance. The Americans provided an estimated $710 million (£394 million) in military and humanitarian aid to the Mujahidin for fiscal year 1987, and observers in Washington believe this is to be expanded in 1988.

Of the 1987 budget, $670 million consisted of weapons ranging from small arms and Kalashnikov assault rifles to RPG7 rocket-propelled grenades and highly sophisticated Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. A covert programme run by the US Agency for International Development, Usaid, to supply non-military assistance inside Afghanistan totalled $30 million, and $10 million was supplied under the so-called McCollum Amendment, allowing for the delivery of non-lethal US Army surplus supplies.

The distribution point for much of this material is Peshawar, the sprawling and chaotic capital of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, where President Zia has allowed the seven principal resistance parties to base themselves.

It has become quite the thing in Peshawar these days to find leading guerrilla commanders living in the fashionable University Town suburb in sumptuous villas, replete with the latest in televisions, videos and microwaves, or driving new Mercedes cars and even taking their holidays in the US. On a recent visit to Nangarhar Province in eastern Afghanistan, one Western journalist was astounded to find that an attack on the Afghan Army's local garrison was cancelled because the Mujahidin commander was in Florida.

Jamrud road – which is known locally as the Sunset Strip and links the centre of Peshawar with University Town – is lined with thriving local businesses which would have been unthinkable even five years ago. Fast-food restaurants, ice-cream parlours, video rental stores and dozens of car and truck dealerships are flourishing on the business of war. In the old bazaars in the city centre, traders have set up shop selling US Army combat gear – flak jackets, rucksacks and full camouflage suits – all siphoned off.

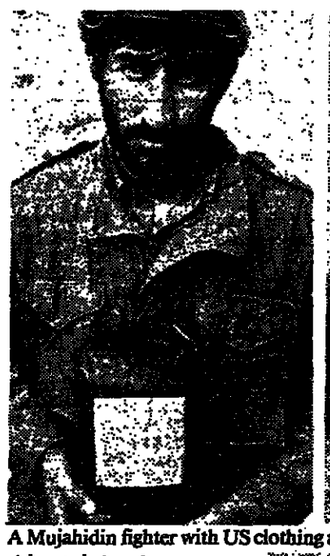
As far as weapons go, observers in Peshawar and Islamabad estimate that probably only half – at most three-quarters – reach the battle front, the rest either being sold off by Pakistani officials or resistance elements. Last year, in the most dramatic case, two rogue commanders were accused of selling Stinger missiles to Iran for more than $1 million.

The Americans, trying to put a brave face on an acutely embarrassing situation, argued that "leakage" of this kind was inevitable and was the acceptable price to be paid for helping the resistance. Butmore experienced aid veterans in Peshawar believe this incident was merely the tip of an iceberg.

The picture is even worse on the humanitarian side. Two years ago, Usaid set up office in Islamabad to launch a programme of so-called "non-lethal aid" for Afghans living and fighting inside the country. As has been their policy throughout the war, the Pakistanis insisted that the distribution be handled by the resistance parties. Consequently – and to the mounting frustration of Usaid officials – as little as 15 per cent is thought to be reaching the interior.

Last year, for example, Usaid earmarked $15 million to ship 47,000 tonnes of wheat into Afghanistan over two years. Relief representatives in Peshawar now believe that almost all of the wheat was sold in the bazaars of Baluchistan and North West Frontier Province. Independent relief organizations have also questioned the wisdom of the programme and others like it that could threaten the delicate balance of a war economy which, despite claims to the contrary by the Americans, has succeeded in staving off widespread famine.

US policy also runs the risk that the programme has flooded Pakistan with weapons, most of which have gone to the many opponents to the Zia regime. The CIA has spent billions of dollars bolstering Pakistan as its principal regional ally, but has also created the conditions for the regime's destruction.





A Mujahidin fighter with US clothing and food and, right, another aiming a Stinger missile.

*Advanced American weapons have assisted the Mujahidin resistance in Afghanistan, as John Gunston found on a recent visit to the war zone.*

**Sprawled over his US Defence Department map, General Rahim Wardak discussed with his commanders his plan for Operation Lightning, the opposing forces marked up in Nato military symbols.**

**A radio handset chattered as various units called in, reporting states of readiness. On a rock above, a guard armed with an M16 rifle stood alert, while near by a Stinger missile team scanned the sky. Camouflage jackets displayed the labels of the US Army, Air Force and Marines.**

**This was not an American military unit, though the kit almost disguised it as such. These were the Mujahidin in the mountains above the Afghan capital, Kabul. Their appearance, as well as their mission, was a tangible result of the vast amount of US aid now reaching them.**

**An array of sophisticated weaponry has been channelled through the Pakistani military to the Mujahidin, in a programme that has altered the course of the war. Stinger missiles are largely responsible, forcing the Soviet and Afghan air forces to fly high, allowing the Mujahidin to travel again in the day.**

**Frequency-hopping radios have given the Mujahidin secure battlefield communications, while burst-communication radios allow them to speak directly to their military command in Pakistan. The significance of the radio equipment is great – for the first time the Mujahidin are mounting large-scale co-ordinated operations.**

**US Army surplus clothing, sleeping bags, ration packs and 2,000 mules from Tennessee have given the Mujahidin the capability of re-occupying areas which were depopulated by force. Night-sights for Stingers are expected to arrive soon, and "Baby Viper," a rocket-propelled explosive-filled hose which detonates mines, will reduce the enormous casualties the Mujahidin suffer from mines during attacks.**

**However, despite the vast amounts of money spent equipping the Mujahidin, many fighters still remain largely untrained in basic military skills.**



More US equipment: An M16 rifle and camouflage jacket.

# Warning to Americans of aid abuses

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

An attempt to warn the American public of suspected abuses of aid given to the dominant Mujahidin group in Afghanistan is to be made by the wife of a missing British cameraman.

Chris Gregory, a journalist, returned to Britain at the weekend after travelling to Pakistan in an effort to establish whether her husband, Andy Skrzypkowiak, was alive or dead. She said yesterday that she was fairly sure, but still not certain, that he had been killed. "I think Andy has been shot and buried in Kantawa Pass," she said.

Her inquiries led her to suspect, but not prove, that the killers were supporters of Mr Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, who leads a radical faction of the Hizb-i Islami. Part of their motive, she believes, was to prevent her husband from providing further favourable publicity for a rival Mujahidin group.

Although the seven main parties in the Mujahidin alliance are united in the fight against Soviet occupation, there are increasing signs of jockeying for position to dominate the post-Soviet government in Kabul.

She said that the deaths or disappearance of six aid workers and journalists in the last 12 months were thought to be linked to Hizb-i Islami radicals. As the group appeared to be receiving large amounts of US aid indirectly through Pakistan, it was vital to alert American public opinion to the deaths. She hopes to travel to Washington with the couple's daughter, Shanoor, aged two, to meet US congressmen.

While in Pakistan, she and British diplomats made unsuccessful attempts to obtain access to possible evidence. She said that four men said to have been seen arguing with her husband just before his disappearance 2½ months ago were arrested after being found carrying large sums of money. She asked to see their possessions to check whether they included any of her husband's belongings. The Pakistani authorities at first agreed, but then failed to produce the items.

Mr Skrzypkowiak, aged 36, served with the SAS before making 12 trips into Afghanistan to make television films. On each trip he carried her wedding ring on a chain around his neck.

"The irony is that he was superhuman, legendary, more Afghan than the Afghans," she said. "He would run 10 miles a day in Afghanistan carrying his equipment and would do two hours' weight-training a day to keep up his strength.

"Yet he feared death terribly, and would wake up in the middle of the night frightened. He was motivated by fear and a deep hatred of the Russians. He knew that one day he would be killed in Afghanistan, but he kept thinking it would be the trip after next."

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# Britain's business on the move

**As the South-east grows increasingly crowded, more firms are deciding it is time to move out. William Greaves discovers what happened when one large company said farewell Trafalgar Square**



Barry Greenwood

The Scammell family and their new house: for the price of their old home "we could have bought a palace"



The Gouldens: living closer to work now leaves more time for family life

## 'I can understand people being afraid to leave the southern stream but it's rubbish — you must take your chance'

No sooner had the light van been unloaded of its cargo of boxes than a mighty Pickford's wagon moved in to take its place. Delivery drivers in overalls waited patiently for their instructions. "What's that? — Oh yes, that goes through there... Upstairs with those, please... Haven't a clue, just drop it there a mo, I'll go and ask."

It was a scene familiar to anyone who has ever moved house — a pride in new surroundings mingled with uncertainty about what goes where, a touch of nostalgia and an unspoken prayer that it will prove to be a happy home.

This was, however, no ordinary family upheaval from city centre street corner to a place in the country. Shell Chemicals UK was putting the finishing touches to an industrial odyssey which, in the past few weeks, has seen 150 employees say farewell to offices overlooking London's Trafalgar Square, head off into the unknown across the dreaded North-South divide and set up camp in a new headquarters on the outskirts of medieval Chester.

For the company, which had been planning the exercise since 1985 — when its Northumberland Avenue headquarters proved inadaptable to the computer age and too far from both its suppliers and customers — the move made sound common sense. For its workforce, it was an enforced migration — a search for new schools, houses, doctors, shops, pubs, friends, bus routes and what to do on a Saturday night.

Some of those being moved were single young men and women. Most were one half of a married couple. And the large majority of those couples had children, either at home or at school. In war-time Britain it used to be called evacuation. In the modern commercial world, its name is relocation.

There had been rumours and rumblings of a move to somewhere in the north of England for months, but no one had taken them particularly seriously. Then, one day in mid-September last year, the announcement was made. It fell like a bombshell.

Peter Scammell, national sales manager, was away on business and his wife, Di, was at home in Ashtead, Surrey, when the phone rang. It was her father-in-law to say: "So, you're off to Chester."

"I didn't know what he was talking about until he told me he'd just seen it on the television news," Di says. Her four-days-a-week job at the local health clinic and her membership of the local bowls club, for which she had striven for months, would soon be coming to an end. Peter smiles wistfully at the recollection. "I think if ever they do it again, they'll break it a bit more gently at the start," he says with masterly diplomacy.

Karen Goulden, whose husband Pete is a £16,500-a-year data manager with the company, had given birth to their first son just a day or two earlier. "The timing was pretty terrible," she says. "I took it badly. We'd moved south from Manchester six years earlier, and I didn't want to go north again. All my family had come to live in the South — the weather was better, we were happy."

Neither the Scammells nor the Gouldens, however, gave serious thought to rebellion. But for many others the prospect of a future home in Cheshire, 200 miles or more from the booming property prices of the South-east, was sufficient for them to resign outright or take severance pay and go in search of other work in the London area.

The company is cagey about statistics but admits that its target of taking 85 per cent of the London workforce to Chester was only achieved by some swapping of unwilling migrants with volunteers from other divisions of Shell. "It would be wrong to suggest that the 150 who came north represented 85 per cent of the staff who were with us in September, 1986," says a spokesman. The inference is clear enough. More — probably many more — than 15 out of every hundred employees preferred an uncertain flutter on the Home Counties job market to a secure future on Deeside.

"As soon as the announcement was made, people started coming with their invididual problems," John Wellings, the relocation manager, recalls. "Some were genuine but others simply didn't want to move — in their own hearts they didn't want a solution to their difficulty. If we'd opened up with discussions, instead of a statement of intent, we'd still be talking now. It was, I think, the fear of the unknown."

So how did those initial fears compare with the reality of a new life in the North-west? For Paul Taylor, a 24-year-old personnel services assistant, and his wife Lorraine, it has meant the exchange of a one-bedroom flat in Luton (sale price £39,500) for a three-bedroom semi in the village of Waverton (cost £40,000) and a dream come true. Lorraine has traded her job with the Inland Revenue for one as a taxation assistant with a firm of accountants. "We were never ones for the London bright lights," Paul says. "And we always knew we had to move if we were going to make anything of our lives."

Even Sheila Ridgwell, a 31-year-old business analyst, with an admitted love for London entertainment, has taken the move philosophically. "It means a long drive to Manchester if I want to go to the theatre, instead of being on the doorstep of everything as soon as I finish work, but when I took the job I knew I had to be prepared to be mobile." And, like the Taylors, she now has a three-bedroom semi — also in Waverton — instead of her one-bedroom flat in Croydon.

A born-and-bred Southerner, she agrees with the general view that "the people up here are much more friendly".

Karen Goulden would agree with that. "I wanted a Christmas tree which didn't drop its needles, and when the shopkeeper said he only stocked ordinary ones he drew me a map to show me where I could get one," she says. But she admits that the nightmare of the move is only just beginning to recede.

"We'd sold our house near Reading and the one we'd bought needed a lot doing to it, so I was stuck up here in a hotel with Stewart [now 14-months old] while Pete was still working in London, coming up on Friday night and going back on Sunday. It was the beginning of November, everything looked drab and I was lonely and homesick. Then, when we did move in, the loo stopped working... I suppose I always knew there would be a difficult time and that it would improve, but somehow that didn't make things any better."

Despite the traumas of transition, the Gouldens now face the future with contentment. "Stewart used to be just getting up when I left for the office and in bed by the time I got home. Now we're a quarter of an hour from work and I get much more time to play with him," Pete says.

Although Peter Scammell doubts the official figures on the numbers who were happy to move ("I've got three people working for me in my office and not one of them was with the company a year ago"), his own doubts have been few. "I can understand people's fears of getting out of the southern stream but it's really rubbish, you know — you've just got to take your chances when they come."

As a £28,000-a-year senior executive, the only real problem the move created was an enviable one. "Our house is on the market for £285,000 and if we were to have spent that amount up here, we would have ended up with some sort of a palace which we could never afford to heat."

So the Scammells, both 44, and their three boys, one in his second year at Liverpool University and the other two now at the local comprehensive school, have settled for a rambling, five-bedroom house at Heswall, with just under an acre of garden, overlooking the River Dee to the Welsh mountains beyond — at exactly half the price.

Even the loss of Di's bowls club membership and her clinic job — "I really felt I was doing something to help the community" — has been taken in their stride. "We've joined the local sailing club, Peter's helping out with the Scouts and I'm doing a bit with the school PTA," she says. "Although I thought it would be quite nice not to have to work for a while, I've fallen into a part-time job at the local dress shop."

Were there no clouds on their new horizon? Peter thought for a moment. "Believe it or not, it's several times harder to park a car in Chester than it is in London," he says.

After producing four videos and countless pamphlets on the region, fixing meetings with estate agents and health and education departments, paying removal expenses and arranging mortgages and bridging loans, if parking proves to be the only long-term disadvantage of life in Cheshire, then Shell Chemicals UK will doubtless be glad they chose to move house.

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### THE REFUSENIKS — WHAT THEY COST

The refusal of thousands of workers to move home to another part of the country — often in spite of promotion and salary increases — is currently costing British industry £500 million a year, according to a recent survey. Two-thirds of firms which have moved, or considered doing so, report "strong opposition" from the workforce.

Neil Cullford, general manager of Homequity, the Swindon-based relocation consultancy which commissioned the survey, says: "House prices are a problem. People moving from the South fear that they will never be able to afford to come back again, while people moving the other way find the prices to be simply too high.

"This is also a time when there are often two wage earners in a family and if one moves the other has a choice between job and marriage. But most of all it is just a fear of an unknown locality."

The cost to an employer of one refusal to move is estimated at between £3,000 and £4,000 a head — made up of advertising for a suitable replacement, time spent interviewing and the absence for a while of the right person in the right job.

"The best answer is for a firm to start its plans at least two years in advance, set up permanent exhibitions of information about the new area, arrange frequent fact-finding trips and generally to ease both the shock and the burden," Cullford says.

Sue Shorthand, relocation expert for the Confederation of British Industry, confirms the problem. "For every two people who move, one refuses," she says.

"Companies are partly to blame. They tend not to sell a region's assets too well and people are left with the wrong perception."

The public as well as the private sector have to face the problems of relocation as the process of decentralisation continues — it was announced last week that the Customs and Excise and the Ministry of Defence will be among a number of Government departments leaving their London premises.

# The civil war in Whitehall

**John Ellis, the moderate leader of the largest Civil Service union, will be going into battle tomorrow to prevent a supporter of Militant taking over as national organizer**

Hostility between Militants and moderates in Britain largest Civil Service union will be heightened at a crucial executive meeting tomorrow.

John Ellis, the mild mannered, moderate leader of the Civil and Public Services Association, has savagely and untypically hit out at his opponents: "The Militant tendency are using Fascist tactics in trying to hound moderates out of the union through intimidation and thuggery. This time they have gone too far. They have now made it clear that we are meant to rubber stamp the appointment of their supporters and we will not."

But at tomorrow's meeting, Ellis will be under pressure from the whole of his executive to ratify the disputed appointment of a Militant to the key post of national organizer.



Kevin Roddy: "Unrepentant, full-blooded socialist"

A quiet Yorkshireman, always impeccably dressed with matching tie and handkerchief, Ellis is not prone to shooting from the hip, but the attempt by the union's Militants to appoint Kevin Roddy as national organizer, after appointing three other Militant supporters as assistant secretaries, appears to have been the final straw for him.

Eddie Spence, who is credited with building up the Tendency in Liverpool where he worked in the Department of Health and Social Security, has been appointed assistant secretary responsible for union members at the Home Office. Frank Bonner, a staunch supporter of the Militant-led broad left for the past decade, was appointed assistant secretary of the Department for National Savings and Land Registry. And Graham Corbett, closely identified with the Militant-led broad left although not a member, was appointed assistant secretary in charge of race relations.

The association's executive is already dominated by Militants; the broad left control 18 of the 28 places. Yet their hold is precarious. Elections are held every April and if the association's history is anything to go by the Militants could lose: the electorate is notoriously volatile, giving the left a clear sweep one year, the right the next. Full-time officers are traditionally appointed for life: only conference can sack a union official. The broad left hope to have Roddy as national organizer early next year.

Roddy calls himself an "unrepentant, full-blooded socialist" who believes that civil servants will only get a better pay rise through an all-out national strike. A former president and executive member, he told members in his election address: "I always proudly describe myself as a Militant supporter. Militants and socialists are the best fighters for ordinary members".



No minister: civil servants picketing Whitehall last summer

He has said his association with Militant started in the mid-Sixties when he realized that traditional Labour polices would not help ordinary working people. When he was 16, he joined the Department of Health and Social Security's central processing centre at Newcastle upon Tyne and assiduously spent years building up Militant's organization.

A butcher's son, Roddy is aged 38 and married with two children. He works at the child benefit office in Washington, Co Durham, which ironically, recently voted for a no-strike deal. Roddy insists he will be working for the union, and resents allegations that he puts political ideology before the interests of the rank and file.

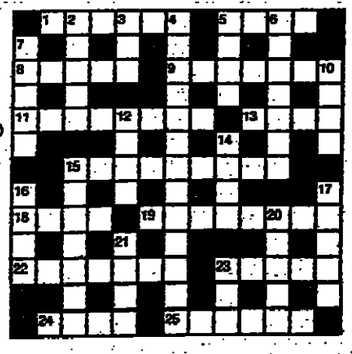
But Ellis believes he is a "vindictive man" who is "wholly unsuited to being a full-time official". He fears that as Head of Organization, Roddy would be in an unrivalled position to pursue Militant's aims.

The Militants agree the post is crucial. Roddy would be able to recruit and organize in all the union departments, which includes members at the Ministry of Defence, the Home Office, the Inland Revenue and departments of Health and Social Security and Employment.

Last year, Michael Heseltine, the former defence secretary, warned of the security dangers of Militant supporters working in the Ministry of Defence. The moderate group allege that Roddy would use his position to insert sufficient numbers of Militants in key positions, and Heseltine's warning would be justified.

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## Random facts

A party with Jack Nicholson has become one of the legal hiccups dogging the forthcoming US publication of a book by Richard Rayner, *LA Without a Map*. The work, for which American Random House agreed a $30,000 advance, was set for publication this summer in its non-fiction travel series, Departures, after publication in Britain by Secker & Warburg, who paid a £7,500 advance. But when RH's lawyers took a look at some of the incidents depicted, including the tale of an Englishman having an affair with a Playboy Bunny and the supposed scene with Nicholson, they drew back, worried about possible libel. Rayner, now writing for *Granta*, is represented in the US by Andrew "Tough Nut" Wylie, the American partner in the London-based literary agency, Aitken & Stone. The author is unrepentant: "I told them there were no libel problems because those incidents were made up. Random House, a dinosaur of an organization, hasn't twigged the liberties travel writers now take. They should have expected what I delivered since they read the synopsis and drafts. It's fairly P.G. Wodehouse on speed."

## Soldiering on

One of the latest departures in the post-election exodus from Downing Street, which includes John O'Sullivan and Stephen Sherbourne (made a CBE in the New Year's Honours) is Norman Blackwell. A special adviser to Mrs Thatcher, he has rejoined management consultant McKinsey & Co, from which he was seconded 18 months ago. Blackwell was an architect of the government's policy to make private-sector involvement the key to inner-city renewal. Far from abandoning the problems of the twilight zones, he will lead for six months the team of 14 company chairman and chief executives that McKinsey has set up to assist the CBI urban regeneration taskforce. With the PM's rallying call for captains of industry to follow in the footsteps of their altruistic Victorian forerunners, the industrialists, led by Tom Frost of NatWest, are drawing up a blueprint for a bigger and better private-sector effort to be presented to the next CBI conference in November.

● **At least Davos has seen snow. Twenty-four British parliamentarians took advantage of the resort's good fortune to race and beat for the first time in 13 years a team of Swiss counterparts. Led by Winston Churchill, the team won by the narrowest of margins, 11.13 seconds, with the help of MP newcomers Malcolm Moss, James Arbuthnot, Rupert Allason and David Tredinnick. And no bones were broken.**

## Dial-a-leak

With all the millions spent on national security it is alarming to learn that a simple BT gremlin can make Peter Wright look like your obedient servant. Or almost. The other day a reader who was bleeped to contact his voicebank — a British Telecom electronic answering machine — was surprised to hear not a message for himself but a two-way conversation between Tim and Caroline about "the Secretary of State's appointment" at 11.15 the following day. Terrorist organizations are probably subscribing even now.

BARRY FANTONI




'The operation's urgent — I'll have to refer you to a fund raiser'

## Breaking point

Taxmen are not renowned for their sense of humour but someone at America's Internal Revenue Service was exercising his imagination when he commissioned a series of television commercials to be aired ahead of the April 15 tax return deadline. One shows a tardy taxpayer at home watching television when the wind starts howling and eerie music builds up. "You try to relax but you can feel a presence", a spectral voice warns as a blinding light flashes through the room in horror-movie tradition. "It's there, waiting for you. Yes, you've created an unreal entity of awesome power . . . All because you put off doing your taxes until the last minute." Another shows a haunted taxpayer in bed being terrorized by flying tax returns while a third depicts a prison door clanging shut and the voiceover: "We know who you are". There are some ideas that shouldn't cross the Atlantic.

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# Farewell to Lord Fixit

by Dennis Kavanagh

Lord Whitelaw's retirement is more than a turning point in Mrs Thatcher's government; his departure marks the end of 23 years at the centre of power in the Conservative Party.

William Whitelaw, a symbol of a brand of Conservatism different from the Prime Minister's, entered the Commons in 1955. With his upper-class background of Winchester, Cambridge and the Guards, and financial independence, it was no surprise that he gained the safe seat of Penrith. Having been a junior minister under Macmillan he was Chief Whip throught the opposition years 1964-1970. It was he who told Sir Alec Douglas-Home of the pressure in the party for him to step down as leader. "You can stay and be criticized or resign and be a hero", he said. In the Heath government he began as Leader of the House of Commons and moved to Northern Ireland for a productive spell during which he persuaded the two sides to accept a power-sharing executive.

In December 1973 he returned to mainland politics as Minister of Employment at the height of the miners' industrial action, but too late to employ his conciliatory skills. He was not in favour of Mr Heath calling an election in February 1974.

There was a good chance that Whitelaw could have succeeded Heath as leader after the second election defeat in 1974. Heath was deaf to suggestions that he stand aside and insisted on offering himself for re-election in February 1975. There was never any chance that Whitelaw would stand on the first ballot; he felt himself tied to Heath. But by the time Heath had been eliminated by Mrs Thatcher and Whitelaw entered the race, she had a head start. Insofar as there was still a Tory "magic circle", it wanted Whitelaw as leader. Mrs Thatcher's election was a mark of how it and Heath botched the succession.

R.A. Butler never got over his failure to gain the highest political prize of all. Whitelaw seemed to thrive on his failure. He has never doubted that Mrs Thatcher was the best choice for the party and for the country. He knows also that he could never have kept the right wing in line while the party was in opposition. There were also doubts, which he shared, about his toughness (critics referred to his "glass jaw") and competence on economic policy. His sheer niceness stopped him from becoming leader.



Whitelaw: a political career devoted to conciliation

He will be much missed in government. Mrs Thatcher found him a reliable chairman of important cabinet committees, not least the Star Chamber on public spending. His personal authority and warmth has also been important in running what is increasingly a cross-bench House of Lords, which has inflicted more than 100 defeats on the government since 1979. The Tory front bench in the Lords is weak, and new recruits such as Prior and Pym will not play Whitelaw's role. The poll tax and the Education Bill are sure to have rough passages in the Upper House.

Above all, Mrs Thatcher has lost the shrewd advice of a senior, loyal counsellor. Like all prime ministers she has brooked no rivals; her record in office is littered with the ghosts of would-be successors. Whitelaw has never been a rival. Once the leadership was settled in February 1975, he promised her his total loyalty.

In time he came to admire Mrs Thatcher greatly. He tried to curb her more impetuous schemes, but quietly. "I'm never an accelerator, but I'm the best brake she has," he once said. It is doubtful whether he has fully understood or supported Thatcherism in all its aspects. He was dismayed by his rough treatment in the Law and Order debate at the 1981 party conference and his leader's open support for his critics.

Some disappointed "wets" will write another side to the story. They complain that he has placed his loyalty to Mrs Thatcher above that to the country. "Not a resignation in him," said one minister at the time of the Cabinet revolt over economic policy in 1981.

Whitelaw has been an unlikely ally for Mrs Thatcher. In 1975 she spoke in New York about how "bourgeois guilt" had prevented her predecessors from adopting necessary tough measures. Worried by the social divisions and mass unemployment of the 1930s, they had debased the currency, appeased trade union power and expanded state welfare. Unlike Macmillan, Butler and Heath, she had no such guilt.

Yet Whitelaw was clearly one of "them". The formative experience in his life was leading his working-class troops across Normandy minefields in the Second World War. When he visited the families of those who died he was shocked by the poverty in which many lived. He entered politics to improve social conditions — the classic One-Nation Tory.

The party's right wing has never liked him. He has always been on the side of caution. Although he stuffed money into the pockets of the police and introduced "short sharp schock" treatment for young offenders, right wingers still called for his dismissal as Home Secretary.

Lord Whitelaw has been a trimmer and a fixer, not a good manager of a department. Although he lacked his leader's drive, he has certainty supplied some of the arts which she lacks. As Chief Whip in the Commons, as conciliator in Northern Ireland, as an emollient Minister of Employment, and as Leader of the House of Lords his political career has been devoted to finding out what people will settle for. "Have a word with Willie", and "Willie is looking into it" have been frequent answers to looming political troubles.

Lord Whitelaw leaves no landmark, no legislative achievement. He is no great brain (though cleverer than he likes to appear), nor an innovator. But he has been a skilful politician, a shrewd judge of character, good at getting people to work together and resourceful in finding solutions. His patrician and paternalist style and his open-mindedness belong to smoother political times.

A true blue Conservative, he has been one of the least partisan of men. He has faithfully served the interests, however changing, of his party.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

# Know-go's raw nerve

On payment of a reasonable fee, anyone in this country has a right to be furnished with a copy of the decision in any case decided in the High Court. The same right applies in the lower courts, in respect of civil actions, but not criminal; Crown courts and magistrates' courts are obliged by law to keep a register of their decisions, but there is no public right of access to it, and the courts in question may refuse an application for the details of what was decided in open court.

The Guild of British Newspaper Editors recently asked the Home Office to end this indefensible anomaly by putting civil and criminal cases on an equal footing in all courts, so that the public would have a right to know the outcome of any case; after all, newspapers can report only a tiny fraction of cases, and the right to find out what happened in the others is surely basic to the rules of open justice openly arrived at.

*And the Home Office refused.*

There is literally no reason at all why the decision in any openly decided case should not be available. The Home Office's refusal was based on *nothing* but the fanatical determination of government and Civil Service to prevent the public knowing anything that government and Civil Service prefer the public not to know. No question of security arises; there can be no argument that the processes of the law might be compromised; no danger to Britain's defences or economy is involved; but the habit of secrecy is now so deeply embedded in the political and administrative authorities that they would rather defy justice and common sense together rather than let the people have any information of any kind that the authorities in question have power to deny.

Could there be a better demonstration of the necessity of the private member's bill introduced into the House of Commons by Mr Richard Shepherd which seeks to make a tiny dent in the wall of unnecessary secrecy that at present surrounds us all? And could there be a more striking confirmation of the indignant terror with which the authorities defend that wall than the Prime Minister's grotesque and unprecedented demand for a three-line whip to defeat Mr Shepherd's bill? (He is a Conservative, incidentally).

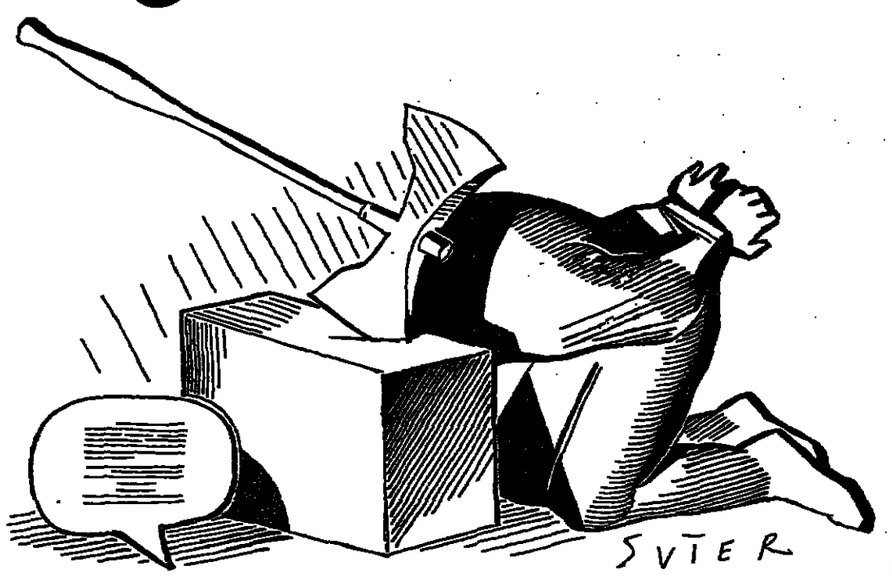
Mr Shepherd's bill seeks to repeal the hopeless mess that Section Two of the Official Secrets Act has become, and to replace it with a new measure which would strictly protect information that for security and similar reasons must remain secret, but would have the effect of liberating harmless information and at the same time provide a defence of public good for the disclosure of matter that those who govern us want undisclosed.

Mr Shepherd, in his bill, has been careful not to touch Section 1, which deals with espionage and similar matters. He has drawn rigid lines around the duties of everybody who handles potentially secret documents. He has proposed the strictest safeguards for the protection of material which is vital for the processes of government. He has laid down severe penalties for those who break their trust or who improperly reveal or acquire secret information. In short, he and his co-sponsors (they include such unrevolutionary figures as Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Sir Ian Gilmour, Mr Teddy Taylor and Mr Merlyn Rees) have made sure that nothing truly secret will lack protection by law; whence, after all, his measure's title: The Protection of Official Information Bill.

But Mr Shepherd has done three more things in his bill, and it is those three that the government and the Civil Service fear so greatly that they have determined that the bill must not pass. First, he has, in Section 7, included this provision:

> It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under this Act to prove that the disclosure or retention of the information or article was in the public interest insofar as he had reasonable cause to believe that it indicated the existence of crime, fraud, abuse of authority, neglect in the performance of official duty or other misconduct.

Observe the mildness of that clause, the careful drawing of limits, the requirement of "reasonable cause to believe". Observe also that the next clause in the bill lays down that the defence will fail unless the person charged "has taken reasonable steps to comply with any established procedures for drawing such misconduct to the attention of the appropriate authorities without effect". No matter; the bill must be defeated because ministers and civil servants must retain the unfettered right to deceive, to cover up misconduct, to cheat the public, and to do all these things and more in the darkness they wrap round themselves in the name of the law.




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Second, Mr Shepherd has made provision for something that is always dangerous in legislation: a recognition that if a little common sense could be incorporated in the measure, it would do no harm, and might do a surprising amount of good. It comes in this form, in Section 6:

> It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under this Act to prove that before the time of the alleged offence the information or article had become publicly available, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

For a government which has been relying for a year on the Shutting the Stable Door (After the Bird has Flown) Act, that must have been wormwood; but I really do think that freedom of speech is more important than ensuring that the Prime Minister's teeth are not set on edge.

But that is not the worst, nor the most urgent reason for the government and Civil Service to wish the bill buried. Mr Shepherd's bill requires a minister who asserts that the unauthorized disclosure of any information or document would endanger security or other vital national interests to give a certificate to that effect.

No one can (or does) object to that; it is a tidy way of enshrining the minister's view. But Mr Shepherd is not content to leave it there; he has committed the ultimate crime — the provision of judicial review of the minister's certificate, to determine whether the minister's fears are justified, partly justified, exaggerated, ridiculous, mad or simply fraudulent. He doesn't put it as impolitely as that, of course; he says:

> Where on a prosecution under this Act a defendant challenges a certificate . . . the Attorney General shall refer the . . . certificate to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which shall determine whether the information or article to which the certificate refers was at the time of the alleged offence properly classified . . . which determination shall be conclusive.

Imagine the terror that stalked Whitehall when those words were read and construed. If the bill passes with that provision, it will mean that a minister's *ipse dixit* will not be enough; *somebody else* will have the right to decide whether his decision may be permitted to stand. As it happens, the clause is weaker than it looks; "the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council" sounds like a most impressive and august body, though the truth is that in practice it is only the Law Lords again, and a fat lot of good they have shown themselves recently when it comes to the defence of the liberty of expression. Still, it is the best we can do, and anyway it has struck the authorities speechless with mingled rage and fear, which suggests that it might occasionally work to the people's advantage, even if only by accident.

I wish I had space to print Mr Shepherd's entire bill, so that my readers could see how modest, careful and wise it is. For that matter, I wish I could print the whole of Mr Shepherd's explanations, notes, background material and speeches, so that my readers could also see how mild is his language, how sympathetic he is to the principle that much information can never be disclosed, how scrupulous and patriotic he has been in his campaign. (He has repeatedly asked both the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary to tell him what they object to in his bill. They have both refused to do so.)

Mr Shepherd's bill is necessary and important. The government has therefore given orders to the Tories to vote it down. The government has also promised that, if this bill fails, it will bring in its own; the only thing that can be said with absolute certainty of such a government measure is that it will make the situation more restrictive and repressive than it is now. I hope that on Friday there will be enough Conservatives with enough backbone to defy the Whips and vote for Mr Shepherd's bill, and enough tenacity to see it through its remaining stages after that.

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T.E. Utley

# Other-worldly broadcasting

It is a pity, but a fact, that those who take up the cudgels against bias in broadcasting almost always end by looking ridiculous. This was the case with Mr Norman Tebbit. He had an excellent argument and his motives were unimpeachable; but he nevertheless failed.

I think there are two reasons for this sort of misfortune. The first is the assumption, almost always made by the critics of this section of the media, that there is a conspiracy in operation. The idea is that a bunch of fanatical producers and effitors get together for the purpose of abusing their power to corrupt society, subvert government and undermine Mrs Thatcher. I do not believe this to be true.

Let me illustrate my point. From time to time the television services seek my advice on some question on which they think me to be well informed. The normal procedure is to send round to me an amiable young woman with a pleasantly sluttish voice and a 2.2 degree from a modern university. She is called a researcher. I give her a drink and we talk, and later I sometimes receive a rather insulting tip. I remember one such visitation from a girl who was compiling a programme on Christianity and Conservatism. The assumption underlying the exercise was that I was a museum piece, too frail and antique to be exposed to direct contact with the public but worthy of being described. After I had bored on for a bit the child politely interrupted me with this practical question: "Could you just tell me exactly when it was that people began to say that it was possible to be a Christian and a Conservative?"

I explained, to the best of my ability, that throughout most of European history it had been widely believed that Christianity required a passive acceptance of the social and political order and that, therefore, it was only in comparitively recent times that the notion had grown up that one could be a Christian without being a Conservative. I went on to point out that this relatively modern development — this view that you could be opposed to the established order and determined to destroy it (a view which had certain historical antecedents to which I sought to introduce my interviewer) was a very good thing. The young woman was perplexed beyond belief. She, plainly, had always believed that the idea you could be a Christian and a Conservative had been invented by John Selwyn Gummer.

These people mean no harm. They are not consciously exercised in importing bias into broadcasting. They just do not know about anything that happened before 1917, and that is putting it generously. It is we who are to blame for having failed to educate them while giving them an overwhelming impression that they have been educated.

The second trouble with the critics of broadcasting is that they assume that there is something intrinsically wrong in the broadcasting services' expressing any kind of consensus. Such a consensus is inevitable. These semi-monopolistic institutions are in existence to reflect contemporary culture. They should not do that exclusively, of course; they should always reserve some time for those who are attacking the accepted view. Nevertheless, they cannot keep up a universal debate in which every possible opinion is expressed. They must reflect the times in which they live.

This is precisely what they're not doing at the minute. The broadcasting establishment has a view of Britain which is frozen in the Sixties and immortalized in the memory of Sir Hugh Carleton Greene. He invented the idea that the BBC was not just a mirror, but an estate of the realm, appointed to the task of criticizing and reforming society. It was a most discreditable attitude. He spawned a generation which still survives and dominates broadcasting. It is, indeed, expressing a consensus, but it is the establishment consensus created a quarter of a century ago.

The broadcasting authorities must find some way of bringing themselves up to date, of living in the real world. One of the fundamental objections to them is not that they are "biased" but that they are not contemporary. They are striving earnestly to preserve something which has gone. Thereby they cause offence and anger and may also do a little harm, but, in bringing themselves up to date, they should not forget their duty to give a platform to the critics of the current establishment.

I am prompted to these thoughts by a brilliant lecture given by Ian Curteis to the Edinburgh television festival last August, and now published in *The Salisbury Review*. He was a staff director in the BBC's drama group in the Sixties, and later the author of a play about the Falklands, which the BBC rejected. His theme is the way in which BBC drama has been captured by the left, by the critics of the historic establishment. He thinks that this is a legitimate theme for BBC drama, but that the other side of the coin should be exhibited as well. He also believes that the BBC should get in touch with the world as it is. All this makes him a more formidable critic than Mr Tebbit.

*however* . . . Philip Howard

# Having a ball with the birl

I know that you should make a point of trying every experience once, excepting incest and Scottish country dancing. But if you insist on coming up to darkest Ayrshire at this time of year, you are going to have to break at least one leg of that principle. For what they are worth, all South Ayrshire beauty and chivalry gather for the annual climax of the Maybole Ball. Since you cannot get out of it, these few precepts about Scottish dancing will help you survive.

● Remember that this is a competitive, contact sport. Why do you think it is called "country" dancing? The epithet has nothing to do with rural innocence, but is a distortion of *contra*, referring to the opposing sets of players, usually men facing women. It is much older than the so-called Old-Time dances, performed by couples holding on to each other and decorum.

● The dances usually work on an alternating principle. If you put your right hand forward last time, it will be the left hand's turn next. If you set to your partner last time, next time you should turn her/him.

● These are display as well as conflict sports. Dash the White Sergeant, why do you suppose it is called the Fling? At present the Fling consists of four to eight steps, each with a descriptive name in the Lowland tongue (shedding, shaking, rocking, etc) or in Gaelic (*ceum coisihe, leum a trasd*, etc). For our purposes all you need to do is lift right leg in air, and alternately straighten and bend it, nonchalantly. Smile at your partner. Do not look down.

● Gentlemen normally turn ladies using both hands. MacHaggises spin them violently with one elbow, causing the country dancer's ailment known as Birler's Burn, the converse of Tennis Elbow. Serious female country dancers wear tartan pads, known as Oxterpussies, on the inner elbow. In the Eightsome, upper-class Yaah dancers look bored and make conversation while not actually "in". In lower-class country dancing everybody birls continuously, spinning on the elbow, not with the Great-Jessie two-handed turn. Yokel Eightsomes are more fun, but more dangerous.

● Never attempt anything with tea-pots in it. When in doubt, do something and persevere. I once knocked down seven couples at the Caledonian Ball at the Dorchester by being convinced that Great Aunt Fanny and I were parading in the right direction in Speed the Plough, and that everybody else was out of step. If wrong-footed, you can usually make it look as though you are introducing an esoteric Argyll variant by revolving slowly and Flinging as though pulling on tights.

● Many of these dances, which are designed as shibboleths to sort the true Scots from the pseuds, have dummies built in to them. In Hamilton House, if somebody advances towards you with hands held out in invitation, hold yours



Chris Wormell

out in response, and then swing away as though you have just remembered an urgent appointment in the next set.

● The kilt is not necessary. Real snobs consider it a solecism south of the Highland Line anyway. If you must, go to a serious Scottish outfitter, avoid fancy jabots and *sheam-dhus*, wear a neutral tartan, and make sure that everything is securely fastened before you start. Waddle softly and carry a big safety-pin. You will go far.

● If you dance the Eightsome, as you must, it is difficult to avoid dancing the Foursome, which comes immediately afterwards. It is easier for the women, who are wearing long frocks so that nobody can see what their legs are up to or not up to. Do not be caught short by the shift from Strathspey to Reel steps. When the other man and you are birling in the middle, remember that he wants to dominate if not kill you. Avoid complicated linkages with arms behind back.

● It is bad form to sit out in Scottish country dancing. In deepest Ayrshire, the women sit down one side of the hall, and the men stampede for partners. If somebody falls over, dance on. Strut. Do not shout Hoochs or other Surbiton Scottish slogans. Have a nice dance.

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# WITHOUT WHITELAW

The Deputy Prime Minister's duties in government will be divided once he has gone. The new Leader of the House of Lords has been announced already; Lord Belstead is to take on the unenviable task of winning the second chamber to the cause of the Community Charge and the Education Bill. A new coordinator will be needed for the interlocking Cabinet committees whose business Lord Whitelaw has so much made his own; both Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr John Wakeham may see some opportunities for advancement here.

Lord Whitelaw's most significant duty was, however, outside of these. It was self-imposed and special to himself.

For ten turbulent years he struggled to reconcile the slower reaches of the Conservative Party with a leader who liked the rapids. It was a two-way process that was often misunderstood — and often needed to be misunderstood if it was to work.

Unguarded revolutionaries of the Right would vilify his opposition to their plans. Friendly Cabinet moderates would bemoan his betrayal of their heritage. All the while, he would continue to play both sides in favour of the middle. And the middle — as he saw it — was Mrs Thatcher.

It is too early to judge how much of the achievement of her Prime Ministership can be credited to her deputy. In particular, it may never be assessed how much he contributed to her recovery from the Westland affair. But by all those who take pleasure that the Tories have stayed radical and stayed in power, he is undoubtedly owed a substantial debt.

It has been in many respects an unsung role. In an age dominated by television he did his best work well behind the screen. As a Government spokesman he was not a great success. As a departmental minister he was only moderately distinguished. But as a reconciler of the irreconcilable, as a committee room punch-bag against which the committed could try their strength, he was unsurpassed.

Sometimes the lobby gossip said that he was in high favour with the Prime Minister; sometimes that he was not. Sometimes that was true; sometimes not. In general his influence grew steadily, the more so after he left the House of Commons and, with it, even a nominal chance to be her successor.

Wherein lies the rub. There is now no one in the Cabinet who could reasonably affect the title of elder statesman. There is no statesman of any kind without a personal interest in the future leadership of the country. An important source of advice has been stemmed. It is hard to see it reopening.

Lord Young once look set to become such a counsellor. But the bizarre battle for the Party chairmanship damaged that prospect. Mr John Wakeham sits in Lord Whitelaw's mould but has yet to prove he can fill it. The glowing embers of Sir Geoffrey Howe's ambition have ensured that the title of Deputy Prime Minister goes into retirement along with its last holder.

The long-term gainer from Lord Whitelaw's departure is Mr Cecil Parkinson whose candidacy for the succession would have been opposed most strongly from the Lord President's office. The loser is Mr Kenneth Baker who could have as surely looked for support from that quarter. The most immediate loss, however, is to the Prime Minister herself.

# SETTING WALL STREET'S LIMITS

President Reagan is unlikely to have left for his Camp David retreat on Friday with a copy of the Brady Commission report tucked into the glove compartment of the Presidential helicopter, any more than Nigel Lawson would have put it top of his reading for his weekend pre-Budget meeting with Treasury officials at Chevening. But the crash of 1988, which began only minutes before Wall Street closed last week and accelerated to a fall of 140 points in little more than an hour, ensures that the report into the causes of the 1987 collapse on October 19 and 20 cannot just be shelved.

Mr Nicholas Brady, who chaired the Task Force on Market Mechanisms, is an experienced Wall Street banker and former senator. His report, while only the first of several on Black Monday, provides enough ideas for reform of market regulation to be worthy of serious study.

Some of the recommendations will find little sympathy with a President who is totally committed to free markets; others will be condemned by the Wall Street establishment as unworkable. But markets exist to serve and if they start to gain the upper hand they must be open to change. The collapse of share prices caused panic throughout the free world. For a while stock markets dominated the actions of governments and central banks; they altered economic perspectives and changed the outlook for the growth of whole nations. The tail began to wag the dog.

If that unacceptable relationship between the world's stock markets and the institutions they are meant to serve is to end, either the old dogs of goverment will have to get accustomed to the market tail wagging of its own accord and pay it no heed, or the tail brought under control. Mr Brady and his task force addressed the second option and concluded that immediate action is needed to protect the share market and the financial system (in that order) from the destructive consequences of violent market breaks.

It is ironic that one reason Wall Street was so jumpy last Friday was that leaks in the American Press correctly predicted that Mr Brady would recommend the introduction of "circuit breaker" mechanisms which would limit price movements or stop trading when prices moved outside certain pre-set limits. The idea is not new, and is in daily operation on many exchanges around the world. Tokyo, in particular, has a comprehensive system of limits, both upward and downward. While they do little to impede normal trading they do prevent falls of the magnitude of the 22 per cent one-day decline on the New York Stock Exchange last October.

The whole philosophy of the New York market, however, is against price limits of any kind, and brokers have spent the past few days telling anyone who would listen that while the customers may not have liked the prices, at least the market stayed open. Price limits should be imposed only after a bitter battle and are quite rightly unlikely to stay in the running unless Friday's fall turns out to be a precursor of yet more precipitous declines.

But other recommendations of the Brady report, such as putting all the various markets under the coordinating control of one agency, unified clearing systems, and consistent credit requirements from customers dealing in different financial instruments, recognize the reality of the unity of modern stock markets. An overhaul of the regulatory system is required, and not only in the United States, but it should be remembered that increased volatility is a direct consequence, too, of the improvements in communication. If everyone receives a piece of information at the same time, then they are all likely to react to it at the same time.

Before getting too bogged down in detail, however, the rule makers should remind themselves that the underlying cause of the financial bloodletting was the sickness of the American economy. The fall of one third in share prices, which began in New York and was repeated around the world, was a symptom of that malady: stock markets, in the end, are merely reflecting levels of confidence in the health of national economies.

# BETTER FEWER, BUT BETTER

The turn of the year and Mrs Thatcher's record as the longest continuously serving British Prime Minister have brought tributes to Britain from an unusual source: the official Soviet media. According to the news agency Tass, 1987 was a particularly fruitful year for Soviet-British relations, and the feeling seems to be mutual. Mrs Thatcher, in a remark quoted approvingly by Tass, has described Anglo-Soviet relations as warmer now than at any time since the war. Certainly Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow, the two visits of the Gorbachovs to Britain, and Moscow's energetic efforts in self-publicity over the past two years have fired British interest in all things Russian.

Sooner or later, when schools and colleges start to acknowledge the growth of interest among their pupils, it will be channelled into urgent appeals for more teachers, more study facilities and above all more money to meet the new Soviet "challenge". Support for these calls will come from industrialists who will claim that ignorance of the language places us at a disadvantage compared with our European partners especially at a time when the Soviet Union seems interested in taking a more active part in international trade.

Support will also come from politicians, at either end of the ideological spectrum. On one side will be those who believe more Russianists are needed to help the rapprochement process along. On the other will be those whose experience has taught them to be wary of Soviet intentions. They will call for more specialists to understand and interpret the still opaque utterances from the Kremlin.

But before ambitious schemes are formulated to make the British a nation of Russian-speakers, it is worth considering what has happened before. Contrary to popular belief, Russia has been in vogue before — in the mid-Fifties and the late Sixties. That, however, is the problem: Russian has come and gone with fashion. At present there are probably enough Russian speakers in Britain to meet requirements, if they could be found. Many have degrees in Russian, but because there was little demand for their skills they found employment in other fields. If the Soviet Union does not open up in the way it (and the West) hopes, the same could happen again.

A pool of Russianists even exists where it is probably most needed: in secondary schools. After the switch to comprehensive education, Russian suffered the fate of other supposedly difficult languages. Despite promises that larger schools would mean wider choice, French has squeezed out almost every other foreign language — living or dead. Yet many of the teachers who once taught Russian in combination with French or German are still there. So, in many cases, are their books.

What needs to be be resisted are demands for more money to be automatically assigned to first and second degree courses. The universities are just completing a rationalization of Russian studies designed to concentrate resources in a number of centres of excellence. This rationalization was necessitated by the uncoordinated expansion of Russian studies in universities during the Sixties and Seventies and was overdue.

No one should wish to see gifted and productive specialists in the traditional fields of language, literature and history dispensed with; they are vital if overall academic standards are to be maintained. But for these disciplines to dominate the field so completely, when the requirement for expertise and the opportunities for employment lie elsewhere, is a bad miscalculation. It allows taxpayers to believe that universities are divorced from reality and leaves Russian graduates without the knowledge which would make them more readily employable. A thorough review of present priorities should be undertaken before any more money is offered. It may not be needed.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Enduring challenges of transport

*From Mr Richard Cottrell, MEP for Bristol and Bath (European Deomocrat (Conservative))*

Sir, Reports of the plan (details, January 4) to construct a superhighway and rail network beneath the bed of the Thames are echoed by similar historical ventures to relieve traffic congestion in London.

The Victorian engineers, James Samuel and John Heppel, astonished Parliament in 1864 with a scheme for a "Thames Viaduct Railway", which would have marched down the centre of the Thames like a vast stilted giant, linking Parliament, the Law Courts and all the great centres of commerce with a frequent service of trains running night and day.

Alas, they failed to convince a sceptical Parliament and the Costain Group will encounter, a century on, that enduring lack of vision which has soured all great adventures in transport engineering in Britain.

One must view the proposal to build a high-speed deck above the M25 in the same light. It is already clear that the M25 is less a by pass than a tourniquet, wholly inadequate for present traffic demands, let alone those of the future. To expand the capacity of one road by building another is already an antique proposition.

The arterial advantages of the M25 would best be exploited by duplicating its route with a surface high-speed rail network, using levitated vehicles propelled by super-conductivity. The Germans are investing huge amounts in their advanced "Magnetbahn" technology and can already demonstrate a 40-kilometre test system.

Similar developments are proceeding apace in Japan, the United States and Canada. Britain — apart from a little sliver of track at Birmingham Airport — chose (yet again) to abandon a world lead in this form of propulsion, having given birth to the concept some 15 years ago.

Others now march where we could and should lead. Irrespective of the fate of the Thames tunnel, the real avenue of opportunity lies in creating a 21st century "outer circle" of high-speed trains (velocities of 200 mph-plus are quite feasible) circumnavigating London in parallel with the M25 corridor. Interchange facilities, coupled to conventional road and rail networks, would offer superlative advantages in terms of speed and efficiency.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD COTTRELL,
Dean House, Clanage Road,
Bower Ashtou, Bristol.

*From the General Secretary, Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen*

Sir, I read with astonishment your January 5 leader, "The next tunnel", in which you claimed the high-speed rail lines proposed by Costain would face hostility from the rail unions.

We have never opposed, but have always welcomed, the extension of the rail network, be it the building of the Victoria Line, the Docklands Light Railway, the Tyne and Wear Metro, to name but a few. Equally, we have opposed closure of rail lines and cuts in services, whether pre-Beeching, during Beeching, or post-Beeching. Every improvement in the rail network has been consistently welcomed by our society and by our colleagues in other rail unions.

The "qualities of scale and vision" you see in Costain's proposals to build a couple of high-speed rail lines and a freight marshalling yard in the South-east have come to Costain at a late stage. Improvements to the rail network are needed *throughout* Britain to fulfil the potential of the Channel tunnel. These improvements have long been called for by the rail unions. That is a scale and vision lacking in the proposed project and illustrates the limitations of the private sector as far as developing the rail network is concerned.

Although the Costain project is limited to the south-east of England, this society is not hostile to it if the intention is to improve the rail network. If, however, the ultimate intention is to create "an alternative private rail network" by handing over parts of the rail network — as the Department of Transport tried to do with the Docklands Light Railway to a private consortium as a reward for building a couple of rail lines and a marshalling yard — then we would be strongly opposed.

The development of the Channel tunnel and the increased railway income it will generate, should be used by British Rail to help the long-suffering rail travellers get the services they require at reasonable cost. The Channel tunnel should not be used to hand over potentially profitable parts of the rail network to the private sector to allow it to cream off the increased number of rail travellers created by the Channel tunnel.

As Costain Group have grasped, investment is desperately needed to improve rail links this side of the tunnel. British Rail intend to spend £400 million over an unspecified number of years in upgrading the existing track. The Government will neither give them the money or even allow them to borrow the money to pay for further improvements which are desperately needed.

The French have a different vision. They are to spend £1.8 billion in track improvements alone, before the tunnel is completed.

It is time the British Government showed real vision and rose to the challenge of the Channel tunnel. I fear, however, that the field of vision from the grocer's shop is strictly limited.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL MILLIGAN,
General Secretary, ASLEF,
9 Arkwright Road,
Hampstead, NW3.

## Value of juries

*From Sir Frederick Lawton*

Sir, In his article (January 5) Mr John Spencer compared unfavourably appeals by way of rehearing from convictions before magistrates and appeals to the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) from convictions on indictment.

He seems to have overlooked the constitutional principle which explains the difference, namely that convictions on indictment result from the verdicts of juries. For centuries the law has left juries to find the facts and to decide guilt. For judges to re-hear a case after a jury had given a verdict would tend to make trial by jury otiose.

This was the reasoning, as the debates show, which led Parliament, when passing the Criminal Appeal Act 1907, to confine the jurisdiction of the new Court of Criminal Appeal to quashing a verdict on limited grounds, one of which was that it was not in accordance with the evidence.

By 1966 experience had shown that occasionally juries returned verdicts of guilty which were unsafe because the evidence was too slight or otherwise unsatisfactory. The Criminal Appeal Act of that year (re-enacted as the Criminal Appeal Act 1968) extended the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal so as to empower it to quash a conviction if it considered it to be unsafe or unsatisfactory.

It does exercise this extended jurisdiction, but it feels bound to remember that it is for juries to decide all issues of credibility. It should not go behind the findings of juries on such issues unless they were clearly wrong.

As to hearing new evidence on appeal, the guiding principle has always been that it should be heard if the justice of the case demands it. In practice few appellants apply for leave to call new evidence. All too often when leave is granted the new evidence proves not to be credible or to have little bearing on the relevant issue.

No doubt the Court of Appeal does make mistakes. I query, however, whether any other system for hearing appeals against conviction for serious crimes would be any better. Re-hearings would be impracticable because of the demands on judges' and court time and the vast expense which would be incurred.

It may be pertinent to remember that witnesses, like young race horses, learn a lot from their first time out. Justice may not be done if there is a re-run.

Yours sincerely,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
2 Harcourt Buildings,
Temple, EC4.

## Credit where due

*From Mrs E. A. Hennessy*

Sir, Further to John Grigg's entertaining article (January 2) on the topic of literary dedication, I can add two more instances of books dedicated to animals. A. Wainwright inscribed his illustrated guides to the southern and central fells of Lakeland respectively to the local sheep, "The truest lovers of the mountains", and dogs, "willing workers and faithful friends".

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH A. HENNESSY,
28 Elm Bank Gardens,
Barnes, SW13.

*From Mr Max Davies*

Sir, May I, through you, offer to John Grigg a most engaging dedication — Professor Maurice Beresford's *History on the Ground*, one of his many seminal contributions to the grassroots of English social history: "To my Mother, who packed the Sandwiches."

Yours truly,
MAX DAVIES,
129 High Street,
Chalgrove, Oxford.

The three miners referred to in Friday's leading article were redeployed by British Coal, not sacked.

## Early leanings

*From Mr John Sidgwick*

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Owen (January 6), is all topsy-turvy: top-to-bottom titles are easier to read — they go in a natural direction.

I asked several people this morning to write their names vertically. All printed the letters from top to bottom. I then asked them to print their names horizontally and turn the paper so that the printing should appear vertically. All pushed the paper so that the name should be read top to bottom. The sample included right-handers and left-handers.

The top-to-bottom spine title appears the right way up when the book is laid flat in a natural way — i.e., with the front face uppermost.

Finally, it is the top-to-bottom titles which enable the searcher of books on library shelves to keep an eye on obstacles. The bottom-to-top titles force you to present your back to the traffic.

Conclusion: let publishers stick to top-to-bottomism!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SIDGWICK,
17 Asmuns Place, NW11.
January 6.

## Putting pressure on charities

*From the Director of the Family Welfare Association and others*

Sir, From April, people in need will be told to apply first to charities before the State will consider providing financial assistance. That is the date when the system of legal entitlement to supplementary benefit single payments for items like essential household furniture will be replaced by discretionary loans and grants from a cash-limited social fund.

In deciding whether to make a loan or grant, the DHSS will take into account whether the need could be met from another source — e.g., a charity or relative. If this scheme goes ahead, hard-pressed charities expect a storm of new applications for help which they will simply be unable to meet.

A meeting of representatives of grant-giving charities, convened last November by the Family Welfare Association, was united in opposition to the condition that the DHSS should first refer people to charities for financial assistance. All were concerned, and many outraged, at the consequence this would have on people in need, batted from pillar to post without certainty of ever being helped. Some felt strongly that charities were being morally blackmailed into making up the shortfall of at least £150 million a year — the difference between current expenditure on single payments of £350 million and the social fund budget of £200 million for 1988-89.

Severe cutbacks to the single payment system and to other statutory help in the last few years have already led to increased demand on charitable funds which few of us are able to meet. Opportunities for augmenting charitable funds are limited.

Decisions as to who needs help and how it should be met are matters of public policy. It is not the role of charities to finance these policies. The public have not given so generously to charities in order to replace the statutory benefits for which they have already paid in taxes.

We are sure that your readers and the public at large will not accept the principle that the DHSS should refer people to charities for help in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,
R. E. MORLEY (Director, The Family Welfare Association),
SALLY GREENGROSS (Director, Age Concern England),
R. SINGLETON (Senior Director, Dr Barnardo's),
JOHN COX (General Secretary, The Spastics Society),
RICHARD PUGH (British Epilepsy Association),
GEOFFREY ATKINSON (Director, Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund).
The Family Welfare Association,
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Dalston, E8.
January 7.

## Third World books

*From Mr John E. Tricks*

Sir, The headmaster's suggestion (January 2) that redundant O-level textbooks be sent from this country to alleviate the desperate shortage in most African schools deserves both official and commercial support.

Twenty-five years ago, when I was a tobacco planter in the remote north of Sierra Leone, I was host to the United States Ambassador who came up to distribute American textbooks and meet the local paramount chiefs.

The books were obsolete and would otherwise have been pulped but were nevertheless accepted graciously by the chiefs who were themselves illiterate and more accustomed to receiving presents of gin.

The episode prompts the thought that it may be possible to prevail upon the tobacco industry to collect, ship and distribute the books. Few other industries or organisations have access to such a well-resourced distribution system in the UK and Africa as a whole.

The Foreign Office would have to co-ordinate the details with the various ministers of education.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. TRICKS,
Smith Hayne,
Cheriton Fitzpaine,
Crediton, Devon.
January 3.

## Saved by leeches

*From Mrs Dorothy E. Phillips*

Sir, It is with great interest I read John A. Hills's article, "Stick with a leech" (January 6). The year 1935 saw me in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, with a severe attack of rheumatic fever. There seemed little that could be done in those days other than rest, careful nursing and prayer.

However, a visiting senior heart specialist suggested leeches. He said students should not be let in on the job as bleeding with leeches was not general.

I remember the "operation", skilfully carried out by the ward sister, not by the pain, but by the unusualness of it all. To this day I am proud of my leech scars.

Yours,
DOROTHY E. PHILLIPS,
5 West Manton,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
January 6.

## Flora at the font

*From Mr Adrian Room*

Sir, The Reverend John Ticehurst asks (January 1) why there appear to be so few Christian names derived from fruits and flowers.

I think he is mistaken. Apart from the names he mentions, I personally know a Magnolia, a May, a Rose, a Veronica, and more than one Rosemary. And this is to say nothing of the many other such names, including Berry, Bryony, Fern, Fleur, Jasmine, Jonquil, Lily, Myrtle, Olive, Pansy, Primrose, Tansy and Violet.

The flora thus flourish still in our midst, even if the fauna are somewhat thinner on the ground.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
173 The Causeway,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
January 2.

*From Mrs Elizabeth Douglas*

Sir, I know a Marigold and a Willow and was at school with a Peach, while recently I was intrigued to come across a girl called Cauliflower Jones. But my daughter-in-law tells me that among her pupils there is a little girl called Harvest, which surely embraces the whole world of nature.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH DOUGLAS,
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31 Austen Road,
Guildford, Surrey.
January 1.

## ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 11 1909

*The earthquake which occurred at the end of 1908 left Messina in ruins, with the loss of 75,000 lives in the area. A few days later the town of Reggio suffered the same fate; loss of life in the whole of Sicily and Calabria was estimated at 200,000*

### THE EARTHQUAKE.

### INCIDENTS OF THE RELIEF WORK.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SYRACUSE, Jan. 10.

Good sense and good manners on both sides have prevented certain occurrences at Messina from becoming an "incident"; the tact of various persons, chief among them the King of Italy, has been successful in smoothing the friction, which, to say the least, was extremely distressing. I do not want to give further details about this unpleasant matter, for which nobody was to blame, but which was the result of circumstances. . . .

How easily friction is generated under such conditions as existed and exist at Messina was forcibly impressed upon me on the hospital ship. As stated in a previous telegram, the ship was in urgent need of supplies; yet an Italian nobleman, a high official of the Red Cross Society, declared in my hearing, "We have everything we want." He was simply obeying the instinct which makes a proud man conceal his poverty and the patriot cover up the shortcomings of his country. He would now probably readily admit that it was fortunate that his protest against receiving aid was unheeded.

It is pleasant to be able to record that great tact, a quality for which our nation is not exactly celebrated, was displayed by the commanders of the British warships which rendered aid at Messina and in Calabria. They did the work which humanity demanded of them and did it with efficiency and then when Italy had time to send warships and troops they did not stay. Officers and men were modest regarding the work they did, and it is from Italians that I have obtained some idea of the aid which the British rendered. That for some time the ruined villages of Calabria were policed entirely by British is I suppose known in London, but one must talk with the refugees to realize how the sailors became nurses for infants, feeding them at first by dipping their fingers in milk and afterwards from feeding bottles improvised in all sorts of ingenious ways; how a box of jewels worth £5,000 was found by the sailors and handed over to the officers; how ruins were scaled and rescues effected at the imminent risk of the sailors' lives and in ways that seemed to Italians miraculous.

The genius for organization of the Anglo-Saxon race, the one quality in which that race is supreme, as cultivated Latins cheerfully admit, is being well displayed at the present time. At Catania I found English and Americans all at work, and here at Syracuse there is not an idle person in the foreign colony. The British Vice-Consul, Mr Lobb, has been indefatigable, and the women are busy tending the injured and making clothing and bandages. A number of women refugees have been put to work with needles, which is the only possible way of taking their minds from the terrors they went through. Fourteen doctors of Malta volunteered and came here to succour the victims.

The hotel-keepers of Sicily fear ruin owing to the expected destruction of their winter trade. Undoubtedly many tourists have already been frightened away. After leaving Rome I had the entire train from Paris to myself, a number of travellers deciding not to go further south. This attitude is quite unreasonable, as outside the region affected by the earthquake Sicily is as delightful as ever.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 10: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Ely preached the Sermon.

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Gold Medal for Academic Excellence at the King Edward VII High School, King's Lynn, to Mr James Green, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr R.D. Greaves, the Headmaster.

Mr Raymond Bridges, Mr Neville Farrow, Mr Peter Loose and Mr Arthur Petrie had the honour of being received by The Queen this afternoon when Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 10: The Princess of Wales, President, the Royal Academy of Music, this evening attended a concert given by the students in St John's, Smith Square, London SW1.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 9: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present at the marriage of their son George, Earl of St Andrews, with Miss Sylvana Tomaselli which took place in Edinburgh this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
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## Birthdays today

The Right Rev J. A. Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, 60; Sir Alan Bowness, director, Tate Gallery, 60; Mr Henry Cecil, racehorse trainer, 45; Mr Neville Duke, former test pilot, 66; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 76; Lord Jacques, 83; Mr Alastair Morton, UK chairman, Eurotunnel, 50; Sir Anthony Nutting, former MP, 68; Mr Alan Paton, writer, 85; Mr J. Rashleigh Belcher, thoracic surgeon, 71; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Rogers, 60; Mr Arthur Scargill, trades unionist, 50; Air Commodore Joy Tamblin, former director, WRAF, 62; Mr R.C. Tress, former Master, Birkbeck College, 73.

## Memorial service

**Rear-Admiral G. Willoughby**
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Rear-Admiral Guy Willoughby was held on Saturday at St Mary's Church, South Woodchester, Stroud, Gloucestershire. The Rev John Cull officiated and gave an address, assisted by the Rev David Harries, RN, who led the prayers. Mr John Vaughan and Mr Hugh Willoughby, son, read the lessons.

## Party

**Lord Mayor**
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children connected with the City and London boroughs at a fancy dress party at the Mansion House on Saturday.

## Dinner

**Medical Officers of Schools Association**
Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, entertained the Medical Officers of Schools Association at dinner at the House of Commons on Saturday. Dr Alexander Fernandez, president, was in the chair and Professor J.E. Banatvala also spoke. Dr Anthea Tilzey was a guest of honour.

## Luncheon

**London International Boat Show**
Mr David Oliver May, Chairman of National Boat Shows, hosted a luncheon held on Friday at the London international Boat Show at Earls Court. Among the guests were Mr Jeffrey Archer, Sir David Rowe-Ham and Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Prime Warden, Shipwrights' Company.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alexander Hamilton, American statesman, Nevis, West Indies, 1755; Sir John Macdonald, first prime minister of Canada 1867-73, 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; William James, psychologist, New York, 1842; George Curzon, Marquess of Kedleston, viceroy of India, 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859; Gordon Selfridge, founder of the store of that name, Ripon, Wisconsin, 1864.

DEATHS: Sir Hans Sloane, physician and collector, London, 1753; Louis François Roubiliac, sculptor, London, 1762; Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Venice, 1801; Georges Haussmann, replanned Paris, Paris, 1891; Thomas Hardy, Dorchester, 1928; Lal Bahadur Shastri, prime minister of India 1964-66, Tashkent, 1966; Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland, 1966; Padraic Colum, Enfield, Connecticut, 1972.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mrs Jean Gaffin to be Chief Executive of Arthritis Care, on the retirement of Mr Paul Smith this month.

## St Nicholas Montessori College

Spring term begins today at St Nicholas Montessori College, a training college for the Montessori method of education. The part-time and full-time courses will be undertaken over one year, incorporating three twelve-week terms.

## Parliament this week

**Commons**
Today (2.30). Housing (Scotland) Bill, second reading.
Tuesday and Wednesday (2.30). Social Security Bill, remaining stages.
Thursday (2.30). Debate on Chancellor's autumn statement.
Friday (9.30am). Private Member's Bill on official secrets.

**Lords**
Today (2.30). Local Government Bill, second reading and Merchant Shipping Bill, third reading.
Tomorrow (2.30). Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, Committee stage.
Wednesday (2.30). Debates on evolved government in Scotland and environmental pollution. Debate on proposal for press standards council.
Thursday (5.00). Legal Aid Bill committee.
Friday (11 am). Debate on White Paper on human fertilization and embryology.

Appointments in the forces will be published tomorrow.

Clifford Longley

# Potency of the Anglican spirit

The virtues and vices of persons and institutions usually come in matching pairs: they are two sides of the same coin.

An analysis in the *Church Times* of the present fraught condition of the Church of England by the Rev Bernard Thorogood, General Secretary of the United Reformed Church, runs along these lines.

Its virtue, in this case, is its comprehensiveness, the instinct to include as many views as possible; the corresponding vice is tension and division, as the various constituent factions take advantage of their inclusion to pull it in all directions at once.

A case can be made for regarding the matching pair of virtues and vices in the Roman Catholic Church as its having a highly visible, authoritative, media-friendly figurehead who can command attention and loyalty on the one hand; and an authoritarian, centralized, secretive, repressive and inaccessible system of government on the other.

In the Free Church system the spirit of participation, equality and democracy, its particular virtue, goes with a lack of leadership, weakness of authority, and absence of any central focus either for ordinary members or the media to identify, relate to, or be proud of.

Mr Thorogood praises the Church of England for at least attempting to have the best of both worlds, with highly visible archbishops and bishops as well as anonymous synods and houses of laity. "To give up that challenge would be a disaster, for it would indicate that there is no middle way between a Roman clericalism and a representative democracy: we all need such a bridge."

This is a type of comprehensiveness too: the instinct to include in one institution as many forms of administration and government as possible. The advantage is that each form contributes its strength, and the disadvantage that they will incessantly compete for dominance. The synodical has the better of the episcopal system at the moment, so that what the Anglican air is full of is not the teaching and preaching the church is there for, but self-pitying controversy and debate.

That extracts a heavy price. Above all it damages the church's authority precisely when other trends have already put it at risk. So the Church of England appears all too human, and its beliefs no more than the conglomeration of the opinions its members happen to hold, determined by last week's show of hands.

But Mr Thorogood's point is still a sound one. The source of the Church of England's problem is that it is trying to pioneer a better kind of church government, one with more virtues to it, than any comparable model. And therefore, by this theory of a balancing symbiosis of strengths and weaknesses, it also has more vices to cope with.

It has conspicuous leaders, so suffers from their personal flaws; it has argumentative assemblies, so suffers from the tension and bitterness of campaigns and collisions, victories and defeats.

Faced with that, it would help the Church of England through its winter of discontent if it recalled its priorities, and took pride in their being the right ones. On the world map and in the world's history, England is peculiar for being the first to invent an effective system of public participation in government through parliamentary democracy, and an effective defence of human rights through the common law.

With some success, the Church of England has transmitted these qualities to its daughter churches in the Anglican Communion.

It is not surprising that Catholic nations have had much trouble adjusting to democracy, when Catholic teaching was so long opposed to the very idea. Similarly, if nineteenth century Russian Orthodoxy had been open to Anglican ideas in these matters, the Russian church's influence could surely have brought about the liberalization and enlightenment of Russian society in time to change the shape of subsequent world history.

In South Africa today the Anglican Church is in the vanguard of the democratizing and liberalizing forces.

John Henry Newman is a valid example of the power of this English and Anglican spirit to modify the way the world is. He took this spirit with him when he went to Rome, and planted it there. He has sometimes been called the "Father of the Second Vatican Council"; and Newman's Catholic Church, born 70 years after his death, is closer to this English freedom-loving spirit than ever before in its past.

It is extraordinary how few Anglicans take pride in what is so much to their church's credit, that by sending one man ahead of the trend of events, bearing with him his English and Anglican culture and values, the Church of England enabled so much more of the world to be made safe for democracy and human freedom. Without the Church of England, without Newman, without the Second Vatican Council, the dark age of ultramontane Catholicism and its sinister sympathy for fascism could have continued indefinitely, governing the lives of hundreds of millions.

His is only one of many examples of the potency of the Anglican spirit. Historians have yet to do justice to the central significance of Anglicanism in motivating the England which fought the Second World War, by giving moral shape to the languid tenacity of the national character so that it could recognize its evil opposite, and knew it must stir itself to fight it to the death.

It is another almost miraculous achievement too few Anglicans take pride in. It would be good for them to raise their eyes from their agenda papers and standing orders from time to time, and take stock of what it is they have, they should be proud of.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Dr P.W.P. Bearcroft and Miss S.M. Kulkarni**
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Dr J.P. Bearcroft, of Barming Place, Maidstone, Kent, and Sandra, daughter of Dr and Mrs P.S. Kulkarni, of Hockley, Essex.

**Mr D.C. Braham and Miss J.M. Archer**
The engagement is announced between Darryl, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derrick Braham, of Ifield, Sussex, and Jane Morag, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Archer, of Reigate, Surrey.

**Mr C.R. Bronk and Miss F.M.R. Davies**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Professor and Mrs J.R. Bronk, of York, and Frances, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.M. Davies, of Combe, Oxfordshire.

**Mr L.W.D. Campbell and Miss C.J.F. Walker**
The engagement is announced between Leo, son of Mr Peter Campbell, of Melbourne, Australia, and Mrs Yo Jarrett, of Oxford, and Celia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Walker, of High Cogges, Oxfordshire.

**Colonel G.V. Churton and Mrs R.L. Gilchrist**
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Vardon Churton, of Meadow Bank, Aston, Nantwich, Cheshire, and Alice Gilchrist, of Manley Cottage, Manley, Cheshire.

**Mr S.A. Dixon-Green and Miss A.F. Staddon**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Anthony Dixon-Green, of Church Oakley, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Angela Dixon-Green, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Staddon, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

**Mr J.M. Edwards and Miss J.A. Durvan**
The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of the late Mr Roland Edwards and Mrs Julia Edwards, of Fentiman Road, SW8, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mrs Eunice Durvan, of Sydenham, London.

**Mr R.M. Frost and Miss C.J. Figgis**
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Frost, of St Ives, Sydney, Australia, and Carey, daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs A.L. Figgis, of Walliswood Farm, Walliswood, Surrey.

**Mr J.D. Gravell and Mlle P.M.Y. Savouré**
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Gravell, of Great Barnetts, Leigh, Kent, and Pascale, younger daughter of M and Mme J.M. Savouré, of Le Coudray, Bléneau, Burgundy, France.

**Mr A.W.H. Mackie and Miss J.C.C. Bircher**
The engagement is announced between Alexander William Hay, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel G.J.H. Mackie, RM, and Mrs Mackie, of Tedburn St Mary, Devon, and Johanna Christina Constance, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.M. St L. Bircher, of Wimbledon, London.

**Major M.W.G. Martin and Major R.E. Hargreaves, RAMC**
The engagement is announced between Michael William Graham Martin, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M.J.G. Martin, of Durweston, Dorset, and Rosemary Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Hargreaves, of Gayton, Northamptonshire.

**Mr R.J. Moss and Miss A.P.A. Loram**
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of the late Mr David Moss and of Mrs Moss, of Parkgate, Cheshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Loram, of Brightlingsea, Essex.

**Mr N.R. Monaghan and Miss E. Majdalany**
The engagement is announced between Neill, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rex Monaghan, of Preston Bowyer, Somerset, and Emma, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Fred Majdalany.

**Mr J.W. Ruston and Miss J. Bromwich**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr N.W. Ruston, of Montaigut sur Save, Toulouse, France, and of Mrs Philip O'Rourke, of Kensington, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. Bromwich, of Old Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

**Surgeon Lieutenant Commander M.M. Scott, RN and Miss T.A. Adamson**
The engagement is announced between Malcolm Mitchell, second son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Scott, of Fareham, Hampshire, and Teresa Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Adamson, of Maryland, Gwent, and Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia.

**Captain C.B.H. Short and Lieutenant C.S. Hide, QARANC**
The engagement is announced between Christopher Short, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, son of Major and Mrs J.B. Short, of Crockerton, Wiltshire, and Carol, daughter of the late Mr G.R.S. Hide and Mrs Hide, of Duns Tew, Oxford.

**Mr J.A.F. Smythe and Miss S.R. Peart**
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr F.P. Smythe and of Mrs F.P. Smythe, of Worcester Park, Surrey, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Peart, of Itton, Gwent.

**Mr L.J. Tomkins and Miss D.M. Kirby**
The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. Tomkins, of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Deborah, eldest daughter of the Rev M. and Mrs Kirby, of Frensham Vicarage, Surrey.

**Mr M.S. Türkheim and Miss R.M. Geary**
The engagement is announced between Michael Suene, son of Peter and Anne-Marie Türkheim, of Holland Park, London W14, and Rachel Mary, daughter of Henry Geary and the late Gloria Geary, of Wolverhampton.

**Mr R.W.B. Western-Kaye and Miss M.J. Howes**
The engagement is announced between Richard William Bruce, second son of Mr Laurence Western-Kaye, of Calvia, Spain, and Mrs Sheila Western-Kaye, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, and Michèle Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Howes, of Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire.

## Marriages

**Mr S. Box and Miss S. Roscow**
The marriage took place on January 8, 1988, in London, between Mr Stephen Box and Miss Sarah Roscow.

**Mr M. Costeletos and Mrs A. von Marx**
The marriage took place on Friday, January 8, in London, between Mr Marinos Costeletos and Mrs Annabel von Marx.

# School announcements

**Bedford School**
Easter Term begins today with 1,138 boys in the school. P. Jones is head of school, A. Waldock is captain of hockey and S.W. Costello is captain of boats. Bedford School Choral Society will perform Patterson's *Canterbury Psalms* and Britten's *St Nicolas* in the Great Hall at 7.30 pm on Sunday, March 6.

**Carmel College**
Term begins today at Carmel College. Mr R.H. Campbell becomes Housemaster of Ridgeway. Exeat Day is February 28. Old Carmeli matches will be played on March 6. The boat club leaves for its trip to Israel on March 21. The first performance of *According to Yashi*, an opera commissioned to mark the college's fortieth anniversary, will be given on March 22. The music is by David Stoll and the libretto by Sue Krisman. Term ends on March 24.

**Cheltenham College**
Term begins today at Cheltenham College and ends on Friday, March 25. The 13+ music and art scholarship examinations will take place on February 8, and the 13+ academic scholarship examinations will be held on February 29 to March 2 inclusive. The rackets court will be opened by Sir Ronald Prain on April 21.

**Felixstowe College**
Spring Term begins today. Half-term will be from February 18 to 23. The scholarship examination for entry to the sixth form will be on February 27 and external candidates may still apply. Term will end with the confirmation service on Saturday, March 26, which will be taken by the Right Rev Eric Devenport, Bishop of Dunwich.

**Felsted School**
Spring Term at Felsted School begins today. J.R. Drew (Elwyn's) continues as head of school. The play *Bacchus to win?* will be performed on January 27 to 29. The Bishop of Colchester will conduct a confirmation service on February 14. Entrance scholarship examinations for boys from independent and maintained schools will be held from Frbruary 29 to March 2; inquiries should be made to the headmaster. Verdi's *Requiem* will be performed in the Grignon Hall on March 16. The Old Felstedian Society annual dinner will be held in London on March 1. Term ends on March 19. The Friends of Felsted Major Appeal has to date raised in excess of £950,000.

**Kelly College**
Easter Term at Kelly College begins today. The choral and orchestral society will give a performance of Cherubini's *Requiem Mass* in Tavistock Parish Church on Saturday, March 19 at 7.45 pm and the drama society will present *Trelawny of the Wells* from March 14 to 17. Term will end on Friday, March, 18.

**King's School, Bruton**
Easter Term starts at King's School, Bruton, on Monday January 11, 1988. There are 309 boys in the school, and 23 sixth form girls. The appeal trust has just topped the £450,000 mark.

**Malvern College**
Lent Term at Malvern College begins today. J.M. Taylor is senior chapel prefect and R.M.S. Jackson is junior chapel prefect. The half-term exeat is from February 13 to 16. The examination for the sixth form scholarship is on March 5. The entrance scholarship examination takes place from February 16 to 19 and entries close on January 25. The combined choral societies of the college and Malvern Girls' College will perform *Messiah* in Malvern Priory on Friday, March 17 and term ends on March 18.

**Moira House**
Easter Term at Moira House begins today and ends on March 19. Miss L. Henty joins the staff as head of music. Kirsty Barrett and Anna Willis continue as school knights. The Ingham scholarship examinations will be on Friday, January 29, and Saturday, January 30. Full details of these scholarships are available from the school secretary. The Middle School play, *A Little Princess*, will be performed on Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5. Old girls' day and the association hockey tournament will be on Sunday, March 13.

**Oakham School**
Spring Term began on Sunday, January 10. The principal dramatic productions of the term include *Macbeth* and a Mystery Play Cycle. The Choral Society will sing *Carmina Burana* on March 13. Scholarship and junior entrance examinations take place in early February.

**The Oratory School**
Lent Term begins today. The school captain is B.G. Welsh. Captain of soccer is P.J.P. Nightingale. Half-term will be from February 13 to February 17. Confirmation by the Apostolic Pro Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito, will be on March 5. Term ends on March 21.

**Pangbourne College**
Lent Term begins today. The college wishes to thank all who contributed to the Christmas Appeal in aid of Stoke Mandeville Hospital Physiotherapy Department, which raised £3,400. The Choral Society will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, February 6, and Sunday, February 7. The Music Scholarship Competition takes place on Tuesday, March 1. The OP Hockey Matches will be played on Sunday, March 13. The annual Drama Festival will take place on Saturday, March 19, and term ends on Sunday March 20.

**Ratcliffe College**
Spring Term at Ratcliffe College starts today and ends on Thursday, March 24. The Bishop of Nottingham will hold confirmation on Saturday, March 19. The 13+ scholarship entrance examinations will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 15 and 16, and the closing date for application is Monday, January 25. Tests and interviews for sixth form entrance will be held on Monday, March 7, and the closing date for applications is Monday, February 29. Mr Stephen Glynn, from Chigwell School, will be joining the teaching staff as Senior French Teacher.

**Repton School**
Lent Term at Repton School begins today. J.M. Basnett (Orchard) continues as head prefect and S.G. Jordan (Priory) is captain of hockey. Mr R.M. Charlesworth will produce *Guys and Dolls* as the school play on March 14 to 17.

**St Edward's School, Oxford**
Term starts today, with Patrick Reason as head of school. Confirmation by the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, takes place on Sunday February 28. Term ends on Friday, March 25.

**Upper Chine School, Shanklin**
Spring Term at Upper Chine School begins today. A service of confirmation will be conducted by the Right Rev E.E. Curtis, CBE, BSc, formerly Archbishop of the Indian Ocean, in the school chapel on Saturday, March 12, at 2.30 pm.

**Wellingborough School**
Lent Term at Wellingborough School begins today and ends on Thursday, March 24. Confirmation is on Saturday, March 19, in Peterborough Cathedral. The three-week spring festival opens with a concert on Saturday, March 5, and will include further concerts and lectures, a calligraphy exhibition and three performances of *A Man For All Seasons*. The London OW dinner will be held at Lord's on Friday, March 11.

**Wycliffe College**
Spring Term at Wycliffe College begins today. Academic scholarship examinations, art scholarship interviews and music scholarship auditions take place during the week beginning Monday, February 29. Confirmation will be taken in the chapel by the Bishop of Tewkesbury on Saturday, March 19. *Salad Days* will be produced in the Sibly Hall on Monday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 22. The term will end with Careers Day on Wednesday, March 23, when Mr Merrick Taylor, Managing Director of Motor Panels (Coventry) Ltd, will be the keynote speaker.

Science report

# Pig manure to be made into feed for animals

**By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent**

One of the least acceptable by-products of farming is pig manure. It is difficult to dispose of, occasionally escapes into water courses with disastrous results or, because of its value as manure, is spread on fields to the discomfort of people living near by.

A new British company, Comprostein, is planning to build a plant at Holderness, on Humberside, which will convert slurry collected from farms in the surrounding area into compost and animal feed ingredients.

The process, which is said to have taken 15 years to develop, involves separating the slurry into solids and liquids. Fodder yeast is then used to digest all the material in the liquid, leaving only a residue of brackish water. When spray dried, it can be used as a high protein ingredient in animal feeds.

The solids are fed to earthworms which, having digested them, are recovered and graded. The larger worms are homogenized with a yeast slurry and dried to provide a free flowing solid suitable for use as an ingredient in fish and poultry feeds, while the residue is sold as manure.

The plant will have the capacity to process the slurry from 100,000 pigs, but there are more than 800,000 pigs in Humberside alone, and the company is hoping to establish up to 12 further plants within the next five years. The Holderness plant will employ 40 people and, since the processing takes place within a closed system, there will, it is said, be little nuisance from smell.

It claims that the process will not only reduce the seepage of slurry into rivers and streams, but will also produce compost at prices competitive with industrial fertilisers.

Farmers taking part in the scheme will be paid for the slurry and so will be able to increase their net margins. The feed ingredients will to some extent replace imported fishmeal and soya.

## Nature notes



All the common titmice are singing regularly again. Blue tits have a song like a pack of cards being flicked, hesitantly at first, then with a rapid flourish.

Great tits have a loud, ringing double-note, like a bicycle pump being used vigorously. The coal tit's song is somewhat like the great tit's, but always has a more rapid, bubbling quality, and sometimes goes into runs of triple notes.

The songs announce that the tits are in their breeding territories, and will defend them against intruders of the same species; but in January they still live a double life, often regrouping into flocks and feeding together.

In low-lying fields there are mixed flocks of jackdaws and common gulls looking for earthworms. When alarmed, they rise in a confused cloud, but quickly separate out. The black jackdaws wheel and dive low over the fields, their loud clacking cries sounding like a roar of applause; while the white gulls glide silently above them.

Ferns are flourishing on the banks of streams and ditches. Male buckler ferns have large, bright green leaves with dense pinnules that look like embroidery. Hard ferns have narrow, dark green leaves shaped like fishbones.

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# OBITUARY

## MISS ELIZABETH BATHER

### Giving the police the gentle touch



Miss Elizabeth Bather, OBE, who died on January 8, at the age of 83, became Scotland Yard's first woman Chief Inspector when she was appointed from a senior post in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force shortly after the end of the war.

Made head of the Metropolitan force's women police soon afterwards, she became famous for her determination to recruit "women of charm; women who can bring the gentle touch to a rough world".

Elizabeth Constance Bather was born on October 11, 1904, the daughter of the Rev Arthur George Bather, a Winchester housemaster.

She was educated at St Swithun's School, Winchester, and before the war played her part in Hampshire life as a county councillor and JP. In the latter role she gained the experience of the problems of child offenders that stood her in good stead afterwards, as a police officer.

A fine sportswoman she rode, hunted, fished and shot.

When war broke out she joined the WAAF, and became a senior staff officer at Bomber Command. One of her most important tasks was to go to Canada to help in the formation of a Canadian WAAF. She ended the war with the rank of Group Officer.

When Scotland Yard advertised for its first woman chief inspector, in 1945, Miss Bather was strongly drawn to the job. A diminutive 5ft 4ins, she only just satisfied the height requirement for the force, but on succeeding Miss Dorothy Peto as head of the Met's women police in 1946, she soon made her presence felt.

This presence was very far from being Amazonian. She astonished conservatives by stressing the need for policewomen to be feminine. She had the uniform redesigned on pleasanter and more comfortable lines.

From her time as a magistrate she was aware of the value of the women's touch in welfare matters, juvenile crime, and crime prevention. And she encouraged her officers to use their femininity in this kind of work.

Later she allowed the use of lipstick and powder, and for the first time in the force's history, oficers were permitted to go on duty without their tunics, in the summertime.

Among her other tasks was to give evidence which helped produce the Wolfenden report on homosexuality and prostitution.

She retired as Chief Superintendent Metropolitan (Women) Police, in 1960.

In retirement she served on Hartley Wintney and Hart Councils.

## VERY REV SYDNEY EVANS

The Very Rev Sydney Hall Evans, CBE, Dean of Salisbury from 1977 to 1986, and before that for twenty years Dean of King's College London, has died at the age of 72.

Born on July 23, 1915, he was educated at Bristol Grammar School and St Chad's College, Durham. After ordination, and two curacies in the Durham dioecese, he became an RAF chaplain in 1943.

In 1945 began his association with King's College London, first as chaplain, then as Warden of the College's ordination training college at Warminster, and finally, from 1956 to 1977, as Dean.

Besides his heavy administrative responsibilities, Evans was, during most of his time, ex officio head of the Theology Faculty, responsible for undergraduate admissions, and Warden of the Hostel for Theological Students, which combined the functions of a hall of residence with some of the functions of a seminary.

He regarded himself as pastorally responsible for all the ordinands in the College and spent many hours ministering to them.

His work on the Senate and many other university committees was recognised with an Hon DD, in 1978. He was Public Orator from 1972-1974.

At the same time, he served the Church in numerous capacities, advising especially on selection and training for ordination. This was recognized by his appointment to an hononary canonry of Southwark and the award of a Lambeth DD in 1978. In 1976 he was appointed CBE for his services to religious education.

When he went to Salisbury he saw it as part of his task to bring colour and variety to the interior of the cathedral. He introduced bright furnishings and by 1980 had raised sufficient funds to commission from Gabriel Loire of Chartres the "prisoners of conscience window" which now fills the lower lights in the East End.

Shortly before he retired, he inaugurated a major appeal for the restoration of the spire and West front of the cathedral and played a very large part in raising the first million pounds.

Throughout his career, Evans was in great demand as a preacher and a speaker on theological and spiritual topics, being from 1960 to 1974 Preacher of Gray's Inn, of which he was made an Honorary Bencher in 1977. From 1955 he was a Fellow of Kings' College London.

He was an engaging man, and involved himself enthusiastically with every aspect of life and art which came his way. He was a great walker and an enthusiastic birdwatcher, and for many years very much enjoyed travelling as a guest-lecturer on Swan's Hellenic Cruises.

He leaves a widow, Eileen and three children.

## PROF ARTHUR LOWER

Professor Arthur Lower, one of Canada's most eminent historians, died on January 7, aged 98.

He was Professor of Canadian History at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, from 1947 to 1959. He was a pioneer in Canadian historical studies, especially those devoted to the country's evolving nationalism, political and economic.

His acerbic wit and provocative style, together with his white goatee, made him a legend among students and scholars.

In 1946 Lower published perhaps his most famous book, *From Colony to Nation: A History of Canada*, which is still a standard reference work at Canadian universities.

He had a crusading zeal to bolster Canadians' sense of national identity. "If we don't develop a life of our own we can be overwhelmed by the United States," he once said. "How long can we maintain a separate existence if there is nothing more than a line on a map to keep us apart?"

His other books included *Canada: Nation and Neighbour* (1952) and *The North American Assault on the Canadian Forest* (1938).

He helped found the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

## MR MICHAEL MILLS

Mr Michael Mills, who guided to the television screen such comedy shows as *Monty Python's Flying Circus* and *Dad's Army*, has died at the age of 68. He was Head of Comedy at the BBC from 1967 to 1972.

Among other successes was *The World of Wooster*, based on the works of P. G. Wodehouse, and he produced a special programme celebrating Sir Winston Churchill's 90th birthday, in 1964. For this he secured the collaboration of Terence Rattigan as its writer, and Noël Coward to introduce it.

Born in 1919, and educated at Westminster, Mills spent some time in the theatre as a stage manager before joining the BBC in 1938. These were the sound-only days and his early duties consisted of shaking coconut shells and banging sheets of metal for sound effects.

During the war he served in the Royal Navy, and when it was over, came back to the BBC, as a producer. He had a further spell in the theatre before rejoining the BBC for the third time in 1964.

*The World of Wooster* gained Mills and his co-adaptor, Richard Waring, a Writer's Guild best dramatization award in 1967, and Mills also won the Guild of Television Producers and Directors production award for *Misleading Cases*, a series based on the stories of A. P. Herbert.

He also produced *Up Pompeii!*, *Chance in a Million*, and *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em*.

Mills married, in 1974, Valerie Leon, the actress. He met her during work on his production of *Up Pompeii!*, in which she appeared.

# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness: that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. Isaiah 5 : 20.

## BIRTHS

**BOARDLEY** - On January 7th 1988, at Atiku Hospital Tokyo to Alison (née Phillips) and Tom a son Max Edward.

**BROADHEAD** - On December 31st 1987, to Sarah (née Bowden) and Nick, a daughter, Georgia, a sister for Camilla.

**BUTCHER** - On January 7th at St. Thomas's Hospital to Louisa and James, a son.

**CASAL-LOPEZ** - On December 29th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Cathy (née Andrews) and Joseph, a son, Michael Joseph.

**DAVIDSON-HOUSTON** - On January 8th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Angelina and Patrick, a daughter, Camilla.

**DE LASZLO** - On January 7th, to Heather (née Jones) and Stephen, a daughter, Saragh Mary.

**FRANCIS** - On January 6th 1988, to Richard and Alison (née Ashmore) a son, Alexander James Goff.

**GILL** - On January 9th, to Isabel (née Irvine) and Bruno, a daughter, Felicia.

**HARRINGTON** - On January 7th 1988, at St.Thomas's Hospital to Deirdre and Michael, a son, Robert, a brother for Charlotte.

**HUNTINGFORD** - On January 1st to Diana and John, a son, Henry Richard Cave, a brother for Thomas.

**JACK** - On December 23rd 1987, at Lewisham Hospital, London, to Stephanie Alexandra (nee Skidmore) and Christopher James, a son, William Alexander James, and a daughter, Clementine Eleanor Clare.

**LOWRY** - On January 3rd 1988, to Jane (née Moyle) and Chris, a daughter Emily Jane a sister for Charlotte.

**MONTGOMERY** On January 8th at St Thomas's to Lizzie and Jamie a daughter Iona Rosanna a sister for Edward.

**MORRISON** - On January 7th to David and Venetia, a daughter.

**OSBORN** - On December 31st, to Sally (née Bowler) and Chester, a son, Henry Joseph Tristram (Harry), a brother to Thomas, Edward and Toby.

**PURBRICK** - On January 8th, to Lizzie and Reggie, a son, Arthur.

**SAVILLE** - On January 4th at St. Marys Hospital, Lindo Wing to Nina and Philip a son, Alexander Waldon.

**SFAKIANOS** - See Jack.

**SWIFT** - On January 4th 1988, to Marion (nee Drake) and Steven, a daughter Hannah Victoria.

**VEVERS** - On January 7th 1988, to Ingrid and Geoffrey, a daughter, Alexandra.

**WALTERS** - On January 8th, at the Portland Hospital to Lorraine (née Bogen) and Robert, a son James Mark.

## DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

**CORSBIE/FLETCHER** - On January 11th 1928 at St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury, Philip Flyn to Katherine.

## DEATHS

**ALLPRESS** - On January, 7th suddenly, John, dearly loved husband of Veronica, member of Grays Inn.

**ARBUTHNOTT** - On January 6th 1988, peacefully in her 103rd year, at Cairnhill Forfar, the Hon. Norah Gertrude (Nancy). Younger daughter of the 13th Viscount of Arbuthnott. Private burial at Arbuthnott Church, on Tuesday January 12th at 11.30, followed by Memorial Service at St. Marys Episcopal Church, Kirriemuir, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

**ARKELL** - On January 8th 1988. After prolonged illness, Kenneth Montague Purfort. Private funeral.

**ARNOTT** - On January 1st. New Year's Day, Andrew (Jock), dearest husband of Irene and much loved father of Richard and daughter-in-law Elizabeth, sadly missed and loved grandad of Oliver and Roxy. Private cremation.

**ASHWORTH** - On 8th January, peacefully at home in Bovey Tracey, Doreen Ruthven aged 92 widow of Commander Arthur Howard (Jack) Ashworth R.N. Dearly loved and sadly missed Mother, Grandmother and Greatgrandmother. Funeral service at the Parish Church of St Thomas, Bovey Tracey on 13th January, at 1.30 pm followed by cremation at Exeter crematorium.

**BAGGALLAY** - On January 7th 1988, peacefully at home, Merrik Burrell, of Appleshaw, Hampshire, dearly loved and loving husband of Valerie and father of Janet, Roger and Judy and much loved grandfather, uncle and friend. Funeral service at St. Peter-in-the-Wood, Appleshaw, on Wednesday January 13th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations to Dorton House School for the Blind, Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent.

**BAIRD** - On January 6th, suddenly at home, Alastair Khuloch, much loved husband of Wendy, father of Victoria, Catriona and Rowena and grandfather to James and Sophie. Service at Hartfield Parish Church, 11.30am on Friday January 15th, followed by family cremation.

**BALL** - On January 6th 1988, Julian Inver (Robin), peacefully at home, after a long illness born with great courage. Dearly beloved husband of Barbara, devoted father of Julian and Katharine. Service at St Mary's Church, Salehurst on Thursday January 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the National Society for Cancer Relief or the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, C/o C. Waterhouse and Sons, High St, Burwash, East Sussex.

**BATHER** - On January 8th 1988, peacefully at Heatherwides, Netley Scures, Hook, Hants, Elizabeth Constance, much loved by relatives, ex-colleagues and friends. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Odiham, on Friday 15th January 1988 at 11 am. No flowers, but donations if desired to the Metropolitan Police Seaside Home Maintainance Fund, New Scotland Yard, London, SW1.

**BUNTING** - On January 8th 1988, Renee Cosworth aged 81 years, peacefully after a short illness at Highgrove Nursing Home, Hove. Much loved wife of Brian, mother of Jennifer and Martin and grandmother of Caroline, Timothy and Nigel. Funeral Service at the Holy Trinity Church, Hangleton on Wednesday 13th January at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

**CHRISTIAN** - On December 6th, Valarie Graham (n'ee Clegg), aged 55, suddenly at Charlwood Manor, Uxfield, Sussex. Much loved mother of Simon. Private Cremation January 13th. Flowers to E.G. Cooper Funeral Directors, 11 Newtown, Uxfield Sussex or donations to Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund, Royalty House, 72 Dean St, London, W1V 6AT. Tel 01 437 6567.

**COLCHESTER** - On January 1st, Edmund, aged 78, in Vancouver B.C. Only son of the late Reverend and Mrs Colchester, beloved husband of Garry. Father of Jane Durante and much loved brother of Alison Fowler. Enquiries (075) 084 255.

**COLVILLE** - On January 6th 1988, at Perth Royal Infirmary, peacefully after a long life and a bravely borne old age, Elizabeth Colville of Hills Of Bendochy, Cooper Angus. Funeral service at Perth Crematorium on Tuesday January 12th 1988 at 1.45 pm to which all friends are respectively invited. No flowers please.

**DOBELL** - On January 6th, peacefully at a private nursing home in Macclesfield, Gertrude Edith, formerly of Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire, in her 88th year. Dearly loved wife if the late Thomas Dobell. Funeral service to take place at Altrincham crematorium on Thursday, 14th January at 11 am. Enquiries to George Litchfoot, Witton Mews, Northwich. Tel: Northwich 2011.

**DREWITT** - On January 6th 1988, peacefully at home in Bayswater, James Gordon Napier beloved husband of Maria Pia and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral to be held at St. Matthews Church, Bayswater at 2pm on January 18th. Followed by private burial. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Great Ormond Street Children Hospital Appeal.

**ETHERTON** - On December 10th, peacefully at home, Ralph H. Etherton, ex Member of Parliament, Stretford, Manchester. He is greatly mourned by his wife Johanne, children Philip and Tricia. Funeral has taken place. Memorial service later.

**HILLS** - On January 8th 1988. Peacefully in her sleep, Barbara Clare French. Sister of Anthony late of Cuddingfold Surrey. Family flowers only. Funeral service in Cuddingfold Church 10am Friday 15th January 1988 followed by Cremation at Guildford Crematorium. Enquiries to Mullard Funerals. Hascombe (0483632) 279

**HODGES** - On December 28th 1987, suddenly whilst on holiday in Barbados, John. He will be sadly missed by all of his friends and relatives.

**JACOBS** - On January 7th 1988, Ernest Osborne (Teddy, Ted) aged 85 years of Gillingham, Dorset and formerly of Banstead. Much loved husband of the late Mary and father of Barrie and Jill. Cremation at Salisbury on Thursday January 14th at 12.45pm. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Church, Nork, Banstead, on Friday January 15th at 2pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, for Cystic Fibrosis may be sent to Bracher Brothers, F/D, Gillingham, Dorset. Tel: 07476 2494.

**KENNEDY** - On January 7th, peacefully at home in Waldringfield, Douglas Neil, aged 94, dearly loved husband of Liz and of the late Helen, father of John (deceased 1940) and Peter. He shared his joy of living with normality. Private burial. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints, Waldringfield at 2.30 pm. on Thursday January 14th.

**LAISTER** - On January 8th, peacefully, at St. Barnabas House, Worthing, Edith (Queenie) beloved wife of Col. Tom Laister, Storrington, West Sussex, loving mother of Richard and the late Lt. Mark Laister, RN and devoted granny to Caroline and Isabel. Funeral, Worthing Crematorium, Findon Road, Tuesday 19th January. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Barnabas House, c/o Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton.

**LESTER** - On January 5th, peacefully at a Brighton Nursing Home, Roy, late Master at Brighton College for many years. Funeral service at Brighton College Chapel on Wednesday 13th January at 12.15pm, followed by Cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to The Arthritis & Rheumatism Council for Research, C/O East Brighton & District Funeral Service, 29 College Place, Brighton, enquiries, Brighton 603013.

**MALCOLM** On January 8th peacefully at home, Loch Rannoch, Wester Ross. Donald Wingfield formerly of Tanganyika Colonial Administration. Leaving one son Dougal Bruce in New Zealand.

**MILES** On January 7th 1988 after a short illness, Ellen (Nee Dahl) dearly beloved wife of Sir Ashley Miles F.R.S. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, London NW11 at 12.20.pm. on Friday January 15th. Family flowers only please. Donations to Friends Of The Earth Ltd. 377 City Road, London EC1.

**MILLARD** - On Jan 8th, in hospital suddenly and of Stockbridge, Mary, the beloved wife of Peter and dearly loved mother of Heather, Ian and Christopher. Funeral service on Thursday 14th January at St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge at 9.45am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester. Tel. (0962) 63195.

**MITCHELL** - On January, 8th 1988 at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Jean, aged 89 years, widow of O. W. Mitchell. Dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at St. Michael and All Angels, North Oxford on Thursday, 14th January, at 12 noon and later at Oxford crematorium. Instead of flowers, donations if so desired to Oxfam. Enquiries to Green & Co. Funeral Directors, Oxford. Tel: 0865 880857.

**OSBORNE** - On December 30th, peacefully, Stanley Frank, Osborne C.E.N.G., S.I.E.E., F.C.I.S., of Hilton, Cambs., adored and precious husband of Brenda, cremation has taken place. R.I.P.

**PERRIN** - On January 7th, suddenly after a long illness, at the West Hampnett Nursing Home, Chichester, Dorothy (Bobby) wife of the late Geoffrey Perrin and dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother. All enquiries to Edward White Funeral Directors, Chichester. Donations if desired to St Wilfred's Hospice, Chichester.

**PINSENT** - On January 4th, in Buenos Aires, following a road accident, Harold Ross, aged 74, beloved husband of Cynthia and devoted father of Clare, Richard and Anthony.

**PRICE** - On January 5th, Ruth Olive peacefully at home in Woking, Surrey, aged 84 years. Loved and mourned by sons Tony, Andy and neice Judy, daughter in law Lorraine and grandchildren Nicky, Robert, Sam, Joe, Anna and a host of friends. Funeral at St. John's Church, St. John's, Woking on Friday January 15th at 11.00am. Family flowers only, donations to Dr. Barnados, C/o Woking Funeral Service, 119/121 Goldsworth Road, Woking. Tel: (04862) 61754

**PULFORD** - On January 7th 1988, peacefully at Hove, Sussex, in her 97th year, Elinore Mildred (Mindra), widow of Air Vice Marshal C.W.H. Pulford, Royal Air Force, C.B., O.B.E., A.F.C. Funeral Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton on Thursday, January 14th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Bingard and Sons Ltd, 90, Sackville Road, Hove. Tel: Brighton 732516.

**THOMAS** - On January 8th 1988, Wilfred Vernon T.D., of Inkunst, Monmouth, beloved husband of Gwenith, dearly loved father of David & Angela & loving grandfather to Claire, Martin, Stewart, Kate & Michael. Cremation at 2.20 pm January 13th, at Gwent Crematorium, Croesycelliog, Cwmbran, Gwent. By request no flowers or mourning. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

**TOBIAS** - On January 8th at home after a distressing illness, Kathleen darling wife of Ben, adored Mother of Christine and Nana of Charlotte and Victoria. Funeral Thursday 14th January at 11.15 am at Chelmsford Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign.

**van ALTENA** - On January 7th, 1988, in Holland, Heather aged 81 years, Widow of Arnold van Altena and sister of the late Nada Higson. Funeral on January 12th in Holland.

**WADDELL** - On January 5th, at Ersicine hospital, Herbert, dear husband of Bee and father of Robin, Alan and Gordon. Loved by family and friends. Service at Hyndland Parish Church, Hyndland Road, Glasgow on Monday January 11th at 2.30pm. Private cremation thereafter. Family flowers only.

**WISEWELL** - On January 8th, suddenly and peacefully, Douglas M. Wisewell, M.A., L.L.D. (hon), of Pembury and Tunbridge Wells, dear husband of Edith. Service at St. Barnabas Church on Wednesday, January 20th at 11 am. No flowers but donations if desired to U.S.P.G., 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XA.

**WOLLOCOMBE** - On December 27th 1987, Muriel Elizabeth (née Biddiske) widow of the late J R Wollocombe. Memorial service at Bridestowe Parish Church, 2 pm on Saturday 16th January. No flowers.

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**BRIMBLE** - A memorial service for the life of Mrs. Morwenna Brimble will be held at St. Michael's Church, Duddenhoefoot, near Exeter at 2.30 pm on Saturday 16th January. No flowers please.

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# THE ARTS

TELEVISION

## Clear moral

**Clichés cause writers enough trouble in their writing. They are even more of a problem when they insist on turning up in life. How to portray reality when reality has already got up to the hack's tricks?**

**It is a measure of William Nicholson's increasing skill and confidence as a writer that in *The Vision* (BBC2), his morality play about the manipulation of television by an authoritarian power, he chose such a clichéd subject. And he added a sub-plot about deception in marriage which has certainly done the rounds in both life and drama.**

**The threat of American right-wing Christian fundamentalist broadcasting and the coming of satellite television were the valid excuses to revive the spectre of a media Big Brother. Wisely, Nicholson chose to make the People's Channel more subtle than its real counterparts; and though the scenario for its rise in Europe was more convenient than realistic, it allowed some pertinent shots about the present politics of broadcasting and the BBC.**

***The Vision*, ably directed by Norman Stone, may have lacked the brilliance of Nicholson's screenplay for *Life Story* about the discovery of DNA. It was, however, most accomplished in its clear treatment of the moral issues involved.**

**Dirk Bogarde, fittingly fragile as the manipulated former TV staffer, and Eileen Atkins as his wife, brought off the domestic drama aided by some fine, tight dialogue and Lee Remick slickly convinced as the missionary media person more to be feared than even John Birt.**

**Difficult music is both hard to play and hard for the non-specialist listener to appreciate. *Solti and Perahia Play Bartok* (BBC2) intelligently and intriguingly made Bartok's Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion more available to viewers by showing a documentary about the rehearsals before giving us the performance.**

**Andrew Hislop**

# Kind of brassy

**The 21-strong band Loose Tubes is among the brightest hopes of British jazz. Clive Davis joined them in the studio**

Democratic to a fault, Loose Tubes found time during the recording of their new album to vote on the title. The options: *Stickleback* or *Open Letter*. As Colin Lazzerini, the group's non-playing "co-ordinator", moved around the studio, canvassing choices while chewing on a toothbrush, *Open Letter* emerged as the most popular choice.

It was all done in typically extrovert fashion. The members of the 21-piece orchestra appeared to be just as high-spirited in the confines of the studio as they are on stage. Eddie Parker, the bearded flautist, strolled around with his shirt off, looking like an extra from *Woodstock*. Trombonist Ashley Slater, whose bald pate won the Best Haircut prize at *Wire* magazine's recent British Jazz and New Music Awards, demonstrated his knack of telling gruesomely unfunny jokes. Anyone who has seen the band live will know how gifted he is.

The recording session, for the band's third album, ended a successful year which included signing a contract with Virgin Records' EG subsidiary. The band's previous albums were released on their own label, which will, they say, continue to distribute work by other artists.

In August the group achieved recognition of sorts when they performed at a late-night Prom at the Albert Hall, an occasion at which Sir Henry Wood's bust was seen sporting a Loose Tubes sweatshirt. One classical music critic from a national newspaper was seen to doze off during the concert. Among the rest of the predominantly young audience, however, the show was a success, blending jazz improvization with reggae, pop, African high-life and even an Andy Williams ballad.

A tape of the concert eventually found its way to the American producer Teo Macero, who agreed to direct the recording of the LP, due out in March. Macero, once a tenor player in Charles Mingus's Composers' Workshop, is best known for his long collaboration with Miles Davis, having supervised some of the trumpeter's most influential recordings, from *Kind of Blue* in 1959 throughout the jazz-rock dabblings of the 1960s and 1970s. The partnership ended only four years ago, with *Star People*.

Macero cheerfully likens the break to a divorce. After a quarter of a century with Davis, he still summons up enthusiasm for Loose Tubes, even though he had never seen them perform before. "They make me think of Ives and Ellington. If Ellington came into the room now he'd really go for them; they have that lovely bright, brassy tone.

"Most young players don't produce that sort of sound any more. But these guys are interested in real composition, real melodies, not just in being super-hip."

He points to the sheet music on the console: "There are some really interesting harmonies in here. They're not afraid of putting, say, an E-flat chord on top of a B-flat in the bassline; little extras that make a difference. I haven't seen a young band in the US that wants to do things like that."

Macero is a notoriously demanding character. But with Loose Tubes he says he has not needed to suggest many modifications.

"I don't have to use a big whip. If I have to make a suggestion, it's normally to tell them not to throw away a good melody. Sometimes they take one and use it up in eight bars. I tell them to stretch it out and explore its potential, the way any good composer would."

He was speaking on the fourth and final day of recording, mostly given over to re-takes of an African-influenced tune, "Stickleback", composed by trumpeter Chris Batchelor. Like keyboard player Django Bates and trumpeter Dave Defries, Batchelor served part of his apprenticeship with London-based African musicians. "Stickleback" is something of an affectionate reference to those days; the band is thinking of releasing it as a single.



Tim Platt

High good humour: Tuba player Dave Powell makes his feelings clear to his fellow band members in the studio

The tune is recorded instrument by instrument, just like apop single, and taken at a faster tempo than the version performed at the Prom. Macero likes it; the band likes it. Batchelor, however, is not satisfied.

As the musicians crowd into the control booth, a lively argument ensues over how authentic the sound should be. Batchelor wants the rhythm to be more "African". Macero looks on, bemused: the only way to achieve that, he says, is to bring in different musicians. Ashley Slater agrees: "We can't play like Africans because we weren't brought up there. It's impossible."

Despite Macero's reassurances, Batchelor remains unhappy, and the dispute becomes a subtle test of Loose Tubes' democracy. In the end, though virtually a lone voice, Batchelor wins the day. The horn players troop back into the studio to run through the piece again.

The argument over "ethnic" music in fact raises deeper issues. In its early days the band was criticized for being all white and all male. This was rectified to some extent when South African percussionist Thebe Lipere joined the rhythm section in September 1986.

With the rise of the all-black orchestra Jazz Warriors, however, the colour question has resurfaced. The Warriors, after all, make a point of recruiting on racial lines as a way of encouraging young black musicians into jazz. There was no conscious bias in the formation of Loose Tubes; most of the members came together in 1983 at a workshop run by composer Graham Collier. All the same, the racial divide remains.

Ironically, African influences seem to have become increasingly dominant in the Tubes' music, occasionally to the point of pastiche, though Lazzerini sees no reason to be apologetic: "I've never worried about that. That sort of notion is all about white liberal guilt and the white man's burden. Music is music, no matter who's playing it."

As John Parricelli adds a silky high-life guitar riff to "Stickleback", the argument does indeed seem academic. Whatever their alleged faults, the band have at least succeeded in winning over listeners who would normally never have been interested in jazz. And underneath the clowning and on-stage banter, they have provided the roots for a series of interesting spin-off projects, including the Iain Ballamy-Django Bates quartet, the Steve Berry Trio and the salsa band La Clave.

In fact, the extra commitments have caused some logistical problems, and the full orchestra will be giving fewer concerts in the near future. One way or another, though, it seems that the Loose Tubes story still has some way to run.

CONCERT

## Sweet airs

**LSO/Davis**
Barbican

A sugaring-the-pill philosophy runs unashamedly behind London's latest mega-event: "A Theme with Variations: A Celebration of British Music".

The theme, it seems, is the trusted twinnings of Elgar and Walton, Tippett and Britten, the variations are three commissioned premières and a handful of repeat performances for composers such as George Benjamin, Robin Holloway and Simon Holt.

If the programme's heavy sugar content betrays both hard-headed business acumen and a cynical distrust of public curiosity, then no audience, let alone a 90 per cent house, lured by Vaughan Williams and Elgar, should have been made to swallow the pill of Steve Gray's Guitar Concerto.

Gray's chosen brief was a concerto for guitar and large orchestra; his "spiritual home" American popular song from the golden era. This three-movement piece, with gently amplified guitar, was to be a "distillation of big-band thinking".

There wasn't much thought and there was even less distillation. Each movement started promisingly but each one all too soon degenerated into a vapid pattern of predictable contrasts, enervated by the lack of inventive muscle and a failure to exploit the rich orchestral resources

The crassness of its programming was emphasized by a magisterial account of Elgar's most magisterial symphony, the No 1 in A flat. Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra emphasized the urgency of its making, the exuberant fertility of its development and the might of its harmonic masterplan.

In the evening's overture, too, Vaughan Williams's Thomas Tallis Fantasia, Davis created a truly listening orchestra If the series draws playing of this quality for even the most time-worn of repertoire, it will not have been in vain.

**Hilary Finch**

# Long charm of the Law

**Andrew Billen welcomes the return, next Thursday night, of the slick US television series set in a legal practice**

Previewing the autumn schedules 15 months ago, the American entertainment magazine *US*, announced on its cover: "Television Is Getting Better!". Anyone who has sampled the mesmerising cerebral poverty of early Eighties series such as *The A-Team*, *T. J. Hooker*, and *Dynasty* will know how richly the statement earned its exclamation mark.

Among the programmes used by the magazine to justify its claim – *Cagney and Lacey*, *Moonlighting*, *St Elsewhere* – it is *LA Law* that has most happily overturned old assumptions about the way American television looks and sounds. Though set in a successful law firm and featuring the traditional posse of impossibly good-looking actors, it owes almost nothing to other briefs-wavers, such as *Perry Mason* and *Matlock*.

If *LA Law*, which begins its second season on ITV this Thursday, is the best American drama series since *Hill Street Blues* exploded the format of the cop show almost ten years ago, that is no coincidence. It was devised by Steve Bochco, the creator of *Hill Street*.

Having successfully repeated in *St Elsewhere* Bochco's deployment of large ensemble casts amid crowded sets, MTM productions three years ago unceremoniously sacked him as *Hill Street*'s executive producer. Fans of the New York police series will tell you it has never been the same since.

Made by 20th Century Fox for the NBC network, *LA Law*'s secret is to exploit the space created by *Hill Street* between the usual TV genres of soap, drama and comedy.

As in a soap opera, plots unresolved in one episode of *LA Law* straddle the next. Yet unlike *Dallas*, whose roller-coaster stories disguise an essentially static drama (for real changes, like the departure of characters, militate against its survival), Bochco's show allows for genuine progression.

Viewers of the first series saw the unlikely blossoming of romance between Stuart Markowitz, an unassuming tax attorney (Michael Tucker, familiar from *Radio Days* and *Tin Men*), and a self-confident career woman, Ann Kelsey (Jill Eikenberry). To deepen the joke, Mr Tucker and Miss Eikenberry have in real life been married for 17 years.



Shoulder to shoulder: the *LA Law* company as it now is

In the new series, office Lothario Arnie Becker, played with self-deprecating venery by Corbin Bernsen, will fall in love. *LA Law*, in other words, returns to American television the virtues of denouement and character development found in the long-abandoned single play.

It also handles with some confidence sophisticated light comedy. Thursday's Venus Butterfly episode, quintessential *LA Law*, was written by Bochco and the series' co-creator, former lawyer Terry Louise Fisher, and won them one of the series' five Emmy awards last year.

Quality, of course, rarely alone wins second seasons and *LA Law* has been fortunate in being able to hit the advertisers' target audience of "couch potato yuppies". Fortunately, in writing for them, Bochco has not reneged on his old commitments to social liberalism. The moral ambiguity of rich attorneys holding sway over the messed up lives of their less affluent clients is one of the show's premises.

However, although Jimmy Smits's portrayal of an idealistic associate lawyer has won two awards for promoting positive images of Hispanics, *LA Law* enjoys few of the liberal certanties of *Lew Grant*. In the new series Blair Underwood is introduced as a ruthless young entertainments lawyer with little interest in cases that will not pay – and he is black.

For some the glossiness of *LA Law* distances it from the achievement of *Hill Street*, where a deliberately muddy soundtrack and low lighting achieved a grainy, near documentary effect. But *LA Law* has a visual style of its own and by choosing the production values of TV commercials, Bochco at once burlesques and celebrates the affluence and sunshine of his location.

# Sophisticated exercise

**Triple bill/Royal Ballet**
Covent Garden

DANCE

**In creating *Pursuit*, which formed the centrepiece of Saturday afternoon's triple bill at Covent Garden, Ashley Page seems to have been more concerned with form than content. The actual movement is less inventive and varied than in some of his earlier pieces, but the structure of the ballet is both complex and sophisticated, and he has succeeded in organising it to a degree which some more experienced choreographers might envy.**

**The short phrases and tight grouping of the choreography extend to create a flow of continuous movement, echoing Colin Matthews's score. In his lengthy programme note Page states that he impressed the importance of absolute accuracy on the dancers, and it does appear that they are required only to execute the movements he has set, rather than interpreting them or adding anything of their own.**

**This somewhat impersonal effect is heightened by Jack Smith's brightly coloured costumes which make the dancers, the women especially, seem like mechanical dolls.**

**Led by Fiona Chadwick and Jonathan Cope, Page's dancers served him well. The cast was the same as at the première with only two changes: the up and coming Deborah Bull in place of Genesia Rosato and Rosalyn Whitten substituting for Maria Almeida, who was indisposed.**

**Almeida's illness meant that Karen Paisey stepped in to replace her as Titania in *The Dream*, partnering Bruce Sansom who was making his debut as Oberon. Slight in stature and classical in style, Sansom danced neatly and with a certain elegance.**

**But, though it was neither faltering nor strained, his dancing seemed somewhat underpowered and lightweight, lacking in authority. As to his acting it is hard to say, since from where I was sitting in the stalls circle his elaborate make-up completely obliterated his features.**

**Anthony Bourne was the free-flying Puck and David Bintley, paying proper respect to Ashton's choreography, the best Bottom since Alexander Grant, the role's creator. The quartet of lovers also resisted the temptation to gag and were all the funnier and more tender for it.**

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A certain elegance: Mark Silver and (rear) Bruce Sansom


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# Pray silence for the listeners

RADIO

My cassette machine has a scanner. You press a key and it goes belting through the tape until it comes to a silence of more than about two seconds when it stops and plays on. Very handy, except that on most of radio, 1980s style, it has a hell of a job finding any silences at all.

Radio 3, of course, offers plenty; so does the news and plays on Radio 4, but it goes whizzing past the gaps between this network's programmes because there aren't any. As for Radios 1 and 2 and the locals . . .

Am I alone in finding this deeply depressing? If not alone, I am certainly one of a miniscule minority, since no-one who took the opportunity last week to Call The Controller on Radios 1 and 4 ever so much as hinted at the problem and this despite the fact that both these phone-ins might have been designed to illustrate my point.

On Radio 1 they packed 35 calls into 60 minutes and were proud of it. People were unceremoniously faded out in full flow and would occassionally be faded back in again, apparently unaware that this had happened. There were no subsidiary questions and no discussion.

Simon Bates, within whose show this all took place, steam-rollered on, his mateyness in awful contrast to his behaviour, so that his controller (!), Johnny Beerling, was at one point moved to pipe up plaintively, "please, Simon, may I speak?"

On Radio 4, with Nick Ross in the chair, things were not a great deal better. The impression of cramming callers in and hurrying them along was intense and unfortunate.

I have yet to hear what Radio 3 made of its inaugural phone-in, but no doubt about it, the other two networks could have learned a thing or two from Radio 2, whose controller, Bryant Marriott, appeared with David Hatch and with Duncan Thomas of BBC Resources as part of the Jimmy Young Show. Callers were not heard, their questions were read out and many appeared to have written in anyway.

It was by far the most relaxed and yet the most informative of these three programmes. Partly this was down to genial, sharp-witted Jim, partly to a break for music every ten or twelve minutes. Although this meant less talking time, it sounded as if Radio 2 had actually covered more than its competitors. Talk about more haste . . .

Lords' Day (Radio 4, Saturdays), is a series whose title, if it wanted to avoid a charge of sexism, might have taken into account that its second subject was a Lady. Margaret Howard is talking to members of the nobility who lead ordinary working lives.

Ideally the programmes could have dwelt a little more on how such people come to break away from social moulds and what are the rewards and penalties. But they make engaging listening and there are still two to come.

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# MONDAY PAGE

# Toytown's new tycoons

## Bubble-gum flavoured cheques and loans for dolls houses — Victoria McKee looks at the new American banks that like to say yes to children and to their parents' money

The line between Wall Street and *Sesame Street* is becoming a fine one these days, as America is discovering — possibly to its cost. Tiny tycoons are being intensively indoctrinated in special "Dollars and Cents" or "Young Americans Success" summer camps on money management and entrepreneurial enterprise.

And, not slow to latch on to the potential value of such an investment in financial futures, American banks are making a serious play for pint-sized depositors. Laugh if you want at the concept of scaled-down tellers' windows, bubble-gum flavoured cheques and dolls house loans, but behind the cute come-ons is a serious bid for the minds and money of the next generation.

Back in Britain, if schoolboys can land their parents in £20,000-worth of debt by playing the stock market, it can be well worth noting the trend towards tycoon tykes in the United States: what takes root there today all too often crops up here tomorrow.

Two determined women two thousand miles apart are attempting to wean the noisy minority of America on to the doctrine that in unit trusts there is strength. In August, Linda Sanders opened the doors of the Young Americans Bank ("Your future begins here") in Denver, Colorado, and since then the state chartered bank, capitalized at $1½ million, has attracted 3,500 accounts and issued more than 100 loans and 650 lines of credit to minors.

The average age of savings account customers, who make up 80 per cent of the bank's business, is nine; for cheque account customers, it is 14 and the minimum deposit is $10. Since the legal age for opening a current account in Colorado is 18 — each state has its own laws about such things — a "sponsoring adult" accepts the legal responsibility and co-signs each cheque, even if merely rubberstamping it in advance. "But we shake the kids' hands and ignore the parents," Sanders laughs.

Sanders, formerly a banking consultant, is president of the Young Americans Bank, but the idea came from Denver cable television magnate Bill Daniels. He got the idea, Sanders says, when he heard about a group of high school students unsuccessfully trying to fund a project — and remembered from his own schooldays how banks lacked "that warm and fuzzy feeling" he craved. So the bank boasts a "Challenge Corner" with computers providing stock market simulations, as well as videos, books and pamphlets on financial subjects.

"We feel that children learn best through hands-on experience," Sanders says. "And our primary focus is educational. We are forming an investment club which will work with a fictitious investment portfolio." She stresses the "fictitious," since America, too, has been troubled with underage stock market movers.

"We'll give bicycle loans or dolls house loans, sure, but we make it clear that we are a real bank, and we will repossess the bicycle if the repayments aren't met." Repayments can't be 25 cents pocket money, either, but a minimum of $10 a week.

Over in New York, a city unaccustomed to being pipped at the post by provincial outposts like Denver, anxious preparations are being made for the birth of the First Children's Bank, offspring of the First Woman's Bank — an innovative institution modestly financed in 1975 by a group of feminists including Betty Friedan, now dramatically re-capitalized and headed by the country's most dynamic and glamorous banking brain, Neale Godfrey.

Godfrey, a divorced mother of two, makes it sound as if the children's bank was innocently inspired by her four-year-old daughter, Kyle. But it is obviously an idea whose time has come in America. The First Children's Bank (minimum deposit $250) was due to open this autumn in the plush Fifth Avenue toy shop FAO Schwartz, where miniature mink coats cost $2,500 and the "birthday party of a lifetime" can be arranged for a mere $18,000. But teething troubles — including the major hurdle of getting approval — increased the gestation period so that there is now a predicted opening in March.



Money matters: Kyle Godfrey, aged four, learning about credit and debit at her mother's side

Godfrey prides herself on her aggressive banking methods — such as offering a $25,000 sable coat as an incentive when other banks were still handing out toasters and electric blankets. She has lots of razzmatazz in mind for her children's bank, to attract not only the children but the indulgent grandparents on whose business FAO Schwartz thrives, and at whom the First Children's Bank is undoubtedly — if indirectly — aimed.

"But she doesn't want to talk about the bubble-gum flavoured cheques or any specifics until the regulatory approval comes through," comments an aide. "We will be opening in the spring."

Godfrey asserts, in a manner that brooks no debate. "We discovered an existing law on the statute books of New York State that says that if you're six years old and can sign your name, you can open a checking account — although parents or legal guardians must be responsible."

She intends to open an account for her daughter, complete with "credit" card, which is actually a debit card against an amount deposited for use in FAO Schwartz toy shops. "The concept of credit is very difficult to grasp because you can't see it," she explains. "When we tried to talk my daughter through it she didn't understand. But five hundred dollars deposited in a child's name to be used at FAO Schwartz is a great way to teach them about money and credit. Education neglects the money and credit side."

In Britain, where the minimum deposit for children's accounts is £1, the major banks expressed surpise at the juvenile goings-on in American banking circles. "We naturally wouldn't care to comment on what's going on in America," Barclays says. "What's wrong with a real bank?" Lloyds wonders.

But they talk animatedly of what they are doing to woo the youth market which, they agree, is viewed with increasing respect here. "We've run our Black Horse Young Savers Account now for a number of years, to encourage children to save, and we give a money box to start them off," says John Robson, the chief press officer for Lloyds. "When they are 18, their money is transfered into an ordinary Lloyds deposit account."

Barclays boasts 900,000 Supersaver Accounts for children under 14 and has introduced a controversial Barclay Plus account with cash dispenser card which allows 14-year-olds to withdraw up to £30 a day from machines or from other banks which have a reciprocal agreement with Barclays. Each account offers a "club" magazine mailed out to savers. "Barclays sees the importance of the young people's market," a spokesman says. "We are building up an advice library of leaflets on money management subjects aimed at youngsters, and are working on a new school video for fifth and sixth formers based on research we did on what they want from a bank — and what they find wrong with existing ones." Godfrey reluctantly concedes that her two-year-old son might be a trifle too young to benefit just yet from her financial schemes for children. "If I gave him a credit card, he'd probably try to eat it," she admits.

And Sanders observes that there is one drawback to the "educational" summer camps: "The programmes look absolutely fantastic but they cost an arm and a leg." The going price for a week can be more than $1,400 — which could provide a 10 per cent down payment on a Ferrari Testarossa Junior — available at FAO Schwartz.

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'We'll lend money for bicycles but we make it clear we are a real bank and that we will repossess the bike if repayments are not met'

## How can a widow ease the pain of her bereavement? Jill Truman found the answer lay in writing

*"My dear love. Tomorrow it will be exactly four months since you died. It seems like 40 years that I have been battling on alone, and yet your presence is so vivid that I expect at any moment to hear your key turn in the lock and your loud, familiar voice calling 'hello', as you stride along the hallway."*

With these words, scribbled in pencil in an old exercise book, Jill Truman began to exorcize the demons of bereavement. After 20 years of marriage, her husband Tony died of a brain haemorrhage in 1975, leaving her with three children and a 10-month-old baby.

Physically aching and emotionally devastated, Truman struggled to come to terms with her loss. *"What does it mean to be dead?"* she demanded of her husband. *"I cannot accept that you are totally annihilated . . . I often feel your presence so powerfully . . . Can you see us all and do you think I am doing the right things? If only I knew."*

For almost a year Truman talked to her husband through the pages of the dog-eared exercise book. She shared with him her pain and sadness, their children's triumphs and disasters, her financial problems, her overpowering need to hold his hand.

"It was a compulsion," she says today. "I was like an alcoholic. I couldn't wait to get hold of the pencil and scribble."

So cathartic was the experience, that she is about to publish her continuous love-letter in book form, in the hope that it may prove helpful to others suffering similar bereavements.

"Some people find it helps to talk, but I didn't want to talk to anybody. Being taken out of yourself can be quite hard work. I think there's something to be said for the Victorian business of pulling down the blinds and having a period of mourning. You have to try to work through your attitudes to all sorts of things you have never thought out."

Paul Walters



Life after Tony: at first Jill Truman (centre) and her family went different ways in sadness

The fact that the marriage had its ups and downs did nothing to lessen her sense of desperation after Tony's death. "We were both very volatile. But I think it was probably a good marriage. It was certainly never boring."

They had met as students at Bristol University and married in their early twenties. Her husband worked as a research scientist in the paper and printing industry. "We were married for ages before we had any kids and then we couldn't stop having them."

Today Crispin, 23, is supervisor of a council hostel for the physically handicapped; Rebecca, 21, is studying costume design; Nadya, 19, is taking a degree in Arabic and Greek civilization; and Annaliese, 13, is at the local comprehensive in Bristol.

They moved there from Epsom about a year after Tony's death. "Somehow I felt I had to establish myself as a different person. And I hate people feeling sorry for me." The move helped the children, too.

"It seemed to me that immediately after father's death we all went our own little ways in our sadness," Rebecca recalls. "Crispin was bullying and I was knocking off school. When we came to Bristol there were so many other problems that we came together as a family."

"Crispin was very quiet, very reserved about it. I didn't know what he was thinking," his mother says. "Then he got a bit over-the-top bossy. I think he felt he had to organize us. Rebecca wouldn't go to school but in a way that was easier because it was a positive problem to cope with.

"Nadya didn't seem to care for quite a long time and I thought, 'this doesn't mean anything to her'. And then her character completely changed. She became very introverted and stayed like that for years and years.

"Annaliese, of course, couldn't remember her father at all. At first I was determined that we would keep him alive by bringing him into the conversation, but you can't keep doing that because it becomes less and less pertinent." To "celebrate" Tony's first birthday after his death, she gave each child a photograph of their father and they gave her a box of chocolates.

It was eight years before a friend's bereavement caused her to dig out the exercise book which had brought her such comfort. Having it published — with her children's agreement — has proved something of a trauma, "rather like walking around naked." When she first re-read it she was hugely embarrassed because it seemed "very weepy-waily and sloppy".

She admits that she has become "aggressively single and obsessively independent" in the 12 years since her husband's death. She has begun writing professionally, has had several plays performed and is currently working on her first novel.

"I often wonder what Tony would think of me now. I think he would find me very irritating. I was always a bit bloody-minded and that used to get on his nerves."

She coped with her financial hardships by taking in lodgers and doing a post-graduate year in drama, which enabled her to do part-time teaching and arts administration. "I was absolutely determined that the children weren't going to suffer. But it's quite hard, because if you're a struggling widow with small children, people want you to stay in your place and go off quietly and bring up your family." The memories occasionally, catch her unawares: the time after Crispin's birth when "we couldn't believe anyone had ever done it before and we thought we were just so wonderful". There is still, however, just one thought which she finds agonizingly painful. "It's the fact that if Tony were to pass any of the children in the street today, he wouldn't recognize them."

**Sally Brompton**

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Letter To My Husband: Notes About Mourning and Recovery *by Jill Truman is published by Hodder & Stoughton (£5.95) on February 4.*

# Love letters to a dead husband

# An empty contribution

TALKBACK

*From Ms M Currie, Millson Bank, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex*

I was incensed to read Anna Laurence's description of how furtively she pays her nanny in cash to evade income tax ("Nanny knows", December 30). I also employ a nanny and pay her out of my net income. This represents a very sizeable chunk of my income, but I need a nanny in order to pursue my legal career.

Unlike Ms Laurence I deduct my nanny's tax and National Insurance contributions and I also pay the employer's National Insurance contribution. This is to ensure that should she at some future time become sick, unemployed or old, she can claim the relevant state benefits.

Ms Laurence does not mention National Insurance, so not only is she depriving the tax man but she is depriving her nanny. By all means take the Chancellor to task for not giving tax relief to mothers for nannies. I fully suport you. But drop the hypocrisy.

*From Victoria Hussey, Woodchurch, Kent*

It seems to me that Ms Laurence blames the Government for her own failing to pay her nanny a fair wage, including taxes and a stamp. She is unwilling to meet her responsibilities as an employer: it is she who is helping to downgrade the job of nanny and to make her own nanny a part of the black market economy.

Ms Laurence has chosen to return to work: she also, presumably chose to have a family. Why should tax concessions be available when Ms Laurence herself admits that they would probably not make nanny any better off, only her employer? Where is the justice in that?

*From Dr Barbara Broadbent, Castle Hill Court, Castle Hill, Prestbury, Cheshire*

Anna Raeburn thinks that women are "crippled by image at the best of times" ("Current affairs or currant buns?", December 30). Marion Bowman, the editor of *Woman in View*, (London based?) bears this out, in her assertion that "Relatively wealthy women in the South-east are not going to have much in common with women in the North of England." What's in store for us, then? More recipes for black puddings, rag-rug patterns and advice on how to decorate a back-to-back house?

Must close now; I have to take the whippet for a walk before I get the chip-pan on.

# The right words at the wrong time



PENNY PERRICK

It all started when a writer called Gary Jennings pleaded in the columns of the *New York Times Magazine* for somebody to compile a dictionary called *What People Used to Call Things*. And, hey presto, Fred R. Shapiro, the assistant librarian of the Yale Law School was able to tell him the good news that somebody was doing so, that somebody being the University of Glasgow, which is putting together a book called *The Historical Thesaurus of English*. A team of 20 scholars are, at this moment, two-thirds of the way through, and hope to publish by 1991 at the latest.

One of the team is Christian Kay, and she told me some of the things that used to be called something else. "Blue" for instance, didn't exist in Old English but was classified as a shade of grey. From which we can deduce that old English summers were just like contemporary English summers, with blue skies being in very short supply; and, since package tours to the Costa del Sol hadn't been invented then, nobody had the chance to look up to a blazing blue firmament and murmur "Phew, what a scorcher."

In fact, Old England seems a dreary, grey sort of place. Kay has discovered lots of ancient words, all to do with having bad feet, so one gets a picture of our ancestors shuffling around in the rain, plagued by chilblains.

That people's feet hurt all that time ago will come as a relief to women of a certain age who spent their adolescent years tottering about in shoes known as winkle-pickers, amid many parental warnings that we would end up with our toes curled over like shrimps. Well, that is exactly what my own toes have done; but since foot trouble would seem to have been with us since the beginning of time, I can console myself that things would have turned out just the same had I stomped around in flat-heeled lace-ups — except that I would not have had as much fun to look back on in my old age.

I can't even remember the term adolescent, or, for that matter, the word teenager, being used when I was one. What we were usually called was trouble. A bit before my time, teenage girls who felt about Frank Sinatra the way I was later to feel about George Harrison were called bobby-soxers, and I haven't the least idea why. Who was Bobby?

Kay says that the number of words in a language increases during periods when knowledge expands, so it is interesting to see where the gaps are. In these times, we seem to have an awful lot of new words to do with information technology and big business and not enough to deal with emotions. There is no word in English to describe that particular, special sort of pride that one feels in the achievements of one's children. I wonder if there ever was, or if the Anglo-Saxons behaved in the same stilted way towards their little ones as today's Sloane Rangers (two words fast out of currency).

The Glasgow University team has also discovered that there were always more words to describe bad people than good ones and also that an Anglo-Saxon woman, whose man had done her wrong, would have been likely to mutter "You pig", through clenched teeth — an insult that has echoed down the ages. And I expect it was as well-merited then as it is now.


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## THEATRE

### LONDON

★ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Staged for the first time at the National, Peter Hall directs Anthony Hopkins and Judi Dench.
**National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7-10.45pm, £5.50-£13.**

★ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:** New version in trad style by David Cregan.
**Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (01-534 0310). Tube: Stratford East. Mon-Sat 7.15-9.15pm, mats Mon-Sat 2.15-4.15pm, £3-£5.50, children £1.50-£4.**

★ **BLACK HEROES IN THE HALL OF FAME:** Exuberant musical show venerating black heroes down the ages.
**Astoria Theatre, 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-434 0403). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mat Sun 2.30-5.30pm, £8.50-£12.**

★ **CANDIDA:** Maureen O'Brien, David Rintoul, Grant Thatcher in successful production transferring from the King's Head.
**Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Previews tonight 8-10.15pm, £5-£7. Opens Tues 7.30-9.45pm. Then Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 7-9.15pm and 10-12.15am, £6-£10.**

★ **DEATHWATCH/THE MAIDS:** Genet double-bill exploring murderous longings; performed with same three actors in each.
**Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795/01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight 7.30pm, £7.50.**

★ **MAN TO MAN:** Tilda Swinton's *tour de force* in Manfred Karge's play as the woman who becomes her dead husband. A Traverse production.
**Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Fri 8-9.30pm, mat Sat 4-5.30pm, £6-£10 (£4 on Mons).**

★ **SEPARATION:** David Suchet and Saskia Reeves as playwright and actress in Tom Kempinski's two-hander, transferred from Hampstead.
**Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm and 8.45-11pm, £4-£13.50.**

**LONG RUNNERS:** ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **High Society:** Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ☆ **Nunsense:** Fortune Theatre (01-836 2238). . .

★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Theatre (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

### OUT OF TOWN

**LEICESTER:** ☆ **Fat Pig:** Spectacular musical show: sentimental but great circus acts.
**Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£8.**

**SOUTHAMPTON:** ☆ **Love Off The Shelf:** New musical: "everything you wanted to know about romantic novels but were afraid to ask".
**Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771), Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 6-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, £4.90-£8.**

**STRATFORD:** ☆ **The Taming Of The Shrew:** New production of Shakespeare's comic drama directed by Jonathan Miller with Brian Cox as Petruchio.
**Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30pm, £3.50-£17.50.**

**STRATFORD:** ☆ **The Revenger's Tragedy:** New production of Cyril Tourneur's mysterious play, with Sean Baker, Nicholas Farrell and Stella Gonet.
**Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30pm, £3-£13.**

**STRATFORD:** ☆ **A Question of Geography:** British première of new play by John Berger and Nella Bielski.
**The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30pm, £7.50.**

## FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
**Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.20**

■ **BIG FOOT AND THE HENDERSONS (PG):** A suburban family return from camping with hairy terrestrial. Tired variation on *E.T.* from Steven Spielberg's company. With John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon; directed by William Dear (111 min).
☎ **Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15. (D)**
**Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.20.**

**CRY FREEDOM (PG):** Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.30.**

**THE DEAD (U):** John Huston's final film — a poignant adaptation of James Joyce's story about a post-Christmas party in Dublin, full of mellow reflections on life, marriage and death. With Angelica Huston, Donal McCann (82 min).
☎ **Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 1.40, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.15. (D)**

■ **INNER SPACE (PG):** Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
**Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.**
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.10.**

■ **JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG):** Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s; with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil and Gérard Depardieu. Claude Berri directs (121 min).
**Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.20.**
**Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.20, 4.45, 7.10, 9.35.**

**LITTLE DORRIT (U):** Worthy and painstaking Dickens adaptation in two three-hour parts with newcomer Sarah Pickering as the daughter born in a debtor's prison. Derek Jacobi as the troubled hero, and a lengthy cast of notables. Written, edited, designed and directed by Christine Edzard (180 min).
☎ **Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs: Part one: Fri, Sat, Tues and Thurs 2.30; Fri, Mon and Wed 7.30. Part two: Mon and Wed 2.30; Sat, Sun, Tues and Thurs 7.30.**

**MANON DES SOURCES (PG):** Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills over-looking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
**Curzon Mayfair (01-449 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.**

■ **MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE (PG):** Live-action, feature-length advert for He-Man, Skeletor and other fantasy toys, with Dolph Lundgren as the ultimate warrior defending the universe against Frank Langella's forces of evil. Directed by Gary Goddard (100 min).
**Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.**
**Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.**
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.**
**Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30.**
**Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 5.55, 8.10.**

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set before the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.**
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45.**
☎ **Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.20.**

**PREDATOR (18):** Arnold Schwarzenegger action spectacular, featuring lots of blood, laser beams, and a very slight moral conscience.
Schwarzenegger plays the leader of a military rescue team, faced with an other-worldly foe. Directed by John McTiernan (107 min).
**Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 11.10, 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.45.**
**Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30, 11.00.**

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
**Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.05.**
**Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20.**
**Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20. (D)**
**Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.**
**Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.50, 9.00.**

■ **SPACEBALLS (PG):** The time for a parody of *Star Wars* has long since passed, but Mel Brooks delivers one regardless. With John Candy, Rick Moranis, Brooks himself, and a scattering of amusing sight gags (98 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.00, 3.20, 5.45, 8.15. (D)**
**Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.**

**WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd (92 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738). Progs 11.40, 1.55, 4.15, 6.35, 8.55.**

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (15):** Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.**
**Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.**
**Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.50, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.**



**Henk van Leemen (above) as the troubled protagonist in *Sidewalk Edge* by the Dutch mime group Studio Hinderik which ushers in a month of events in the 10th London International Mime Festival. 10 years ago the majority of performers were white-faced mimes in the tradition of Marceau but this style is now considered distinctly *vieux jeu*. Your contemporary mime favours workaday clothes and a more than passing interest in sexual capers but the traditional combats with resistant objects, whether relationships or utensils, remain to the fore. This year's festival brings performers from Belgium (Whissel Theatre, and Théâtre de la Mandragore with a silent film version of *Frankenstein*), America (Memix, and the surrealist Daniel Stein), Australia (Julie Forsyth), and the Polivka Company from Prague. Local mimes include Peta Lily giving a one-woman version of Hollywood *film noir*, and Nola Rae with the première of her latest variation on Shakespeare, *Bottom of the Garden*. Venues include the ICA Theatre, The Place, Donmar Warehouse and Battersea Arts Centre. The festival climaxes on February 7 when the three members of the much-loved but now disbanded Moving Picture Mime Show come together for one special performance at the South Bank's Queen Elizabeth Hall. Studio Hinderik are at the Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394), tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, £5. For details of other London International Mime Festival events see daily listings.** *Jeremy Kingston*

## CONCERTS

### LUNCHTIME

☆ **BEAUX ARTS GHOST:** The famous Beaux Arts Trio plays Beethoven's Piano Trio Op 70 No 1 "The Ghost" and Mozart's Trio K 548.
**St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 1-2pm £2.50.**

☆ **JANET OWEN THOMAS:** This organist performs Liszt's *Evocacion à la Chapelle Sixtine*, Sibelius's Intrada Op 111a and Funeral Music Op 111b, Meyreau's *Cloches d'Orléans*, a nocturne by Rourke, a toccata by Andriessen, an evocation by Dupré.
**St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, 1-2pm, free.**

☆ **KING/BLAKE:** Christopher King, clarinet, Christopher Blake, piano, and Astrid Neelsen, viola, offer Nos 5-7 of Bruch's Eight Pieces, Schumann's Fairytales Op 132 and Mozart's Trio K 498.
**St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930). 1.05-2pm, free.**

☆ **KANSAS CITY CONSORT:** Albinoni's *Concerto a cinque*, a sonata from Couperin's *L'Espagnole*, Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 3 No 4a and Leclair's Sonata No 6 are heard from the Early Music Consort of Kansas City.
**St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566). 1.10-1.50pm, free.**

### EVENING

☆ **CAMBRIAN CONCERT:** Kicking off the Park Lane Group's "Young artists and 20th century music" series the Cambrian Brass Quintet essay Musgrave's *Fanfare*, Lutoslawski's *Mini Overture*, P. Maxwell Davies's Pole Star March, Bourgeois's Proverbs, Joubert's Chamber Music Op 104.
**Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £2.50-£4.50.**

☆ **FAIRFIELD QUARTET:** Three quartets are juxtaposed by the Fairfield Quartet, Haydn's Op 33 No 2, Debussy's Op 10 and Shostakovich's No 3.
**St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£5.**

☆ **GLENDA MAURICE:** This American mezzo soprano sings Vaughan Williams's Four Last Songs, other songs by Wolf, Fauré, Duparc and (Joseph) Marx as well as the American composer Theodore Ward Chanler's *Epitaphs* song cycle of 1937.
**Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.**

☆ **DISTANCE, DMAATHEN:** In various combinations Ian Hardwick, oboe, Neil Percy, percussion, and Steven Wray, piano perform Takemitsu's *Distance*, Xenakis's *Dmaathen*, Weir's *An Mein Klavier*, Birtwistle's *Pulse Sampler*, Sherlaw Johnson's *Asteroganesis* and other things.
**Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3-£5.**

★ **ENDLESS BIRTWISTLE:** "The Endless Parade," the Barbican Centre's Harrison Birtwistle festival, sweeps on with the London Sinfonietta undertaking his *Secret Theatre*, *Tragoedia* and *Verse for Ensembles*.
**Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.25pm, £3-£6.**

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## OPERA

☆ **L'ITALIANA IN ALGERI:** Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's highly acclaimed new Rossini production is in full swing with Agnes Baltsa and Paolo Montarsolo leading a lively cast.
**Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £2-£70.**

★ **RIGOLETTO:** Jonathan Miller's *mafioso* production draws near its end, with John Rawnsley in the title role, Arthur Davies as the Duke and Susan Bullock the Gilda. Martin Handley now conducts.
**English National Opera, Colisseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£21.50.**

## ROCK

☆ **FAIRPORT CONVENTION:** A line-up including Dave Pegg, Simon Nicol and Dave Mattacks does justice to the folk-rock music, but the show gets washed up on a depressing wave of flabby old jokes.
**Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629) 7.30pm, £7, for two nights.**

★ **DEPECHE MODE:** Last year's *Music For The Masses* underlined a musical sophistication for which the group is not often credited.
**Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50, for two nights.**

☆ **PUSSY GALORE:** Hard core New York thrash band making its UK debut. Beetheart meets the Butthole Surfers. Could be worth looking into.
**Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) 8pm, £5.**

## JAZZ

☆ **MARTIN TAYLOR:** In the top rank of guitarists, he starts a tour tonight. Later this month he is reunited with his mentor Stephane Grappelli.
**Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962), 8pm, £3.**

☆ **JEAN TOUSSAINT:** The forceful ex-Blakey tenorist also goes on the road later this month.
**Jazz Café, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936), 9pm, free.**

☆ **EDUARDO NIEBLA/ANTONIO FORCIONE:** Latin guitar duo whose live appearances have won them a committed following.
**Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.50.**



**The theatre lyrics of the playwright Adrian Mitchell (above) are being performed in a cabaret evening at the National Theatre under the title *Love Songs of World War III*. The material is drawn from such shows as the *Marat/Sade*, *Tyger*, *Animal Farm* and a current N.T. production, *The Pied Piper*, whose company, led by Sylvester McCoy and Patsy Rowlands, are the performers.**
**Cottesloe, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252), today and tomorrow, 8pm, £5.**

## DANCE

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Ashton's romantic comedy for the Sadler's Wells Ballet.
**Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-8.45pm, £3.50-£16.**

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Darrell's production for Scottish Ballet.
**Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-9.30pm, £2.50-£15.**

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss for London Festival Ballet.
**Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£15.50.**

## GALLERIES

**INTRODUCING WITH PLEASURE:** Actress Greta Scacchi chose a picture by Therese Oulton in this assortment of works selected by 12 celebrities from the Arts Council Collection.
**Maclaurin Art Gallery, Monument Road, Alloway, Ayr (0292 43700). Mon-Sat 11-5pm, free, until Feb 13.**

**YOUNG TURNER:** An exhibition of the landscape painter's early, precocious work up to 1800, when he was 25.
**Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until March 20.**

**THE CHOSEN FEW:** Works by 30 contemporary potters and painters, each selected by a critic or artist.
**The Open Eye Gallery, 75/79 Cumberland Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1020). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until Jan 28.**

**ESME GORDON:** Watercolours and drawings by a travelling artist. Also: paintings by Denis Pepice.
**The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5955). Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, free, until Feb 3.**

**KNOWING YOUR PLACE:** Maps depicting their favourite places made by 18 contemporary artists including Simon Lewty and Adrian Berg.
**Mead Gallery, Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 523623), Mon-Fri 12-8pm, Sat 10-8pm, free, until Feb 6.**

**LANCE SMITH:** Large, textural, figurative paintings and drawings by the winner of the 1985 Tolly Cobbold competition.
**Tumpike Gallery, Library Buildings, Leigh, Lancs (0942 679407). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Wed 10-5pm, Sat 10-3pm, free, until Feb 6.**

**SIX OF THE BEST:** Works by young, conventional, figurative painters, including Jill Berthorpe and Helen Elwes.
**Cadogan Contemporary, 108 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 (01-581 5451), Mon-Fri 10-7pm, Sat 10-5pm, free, until Feb 6.**

**METAL AND MOTION:** Sculpture made from scrap metal by 16 British artists.
**Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061), Tues-Sun 12-5pm and 7-10pm, free, until Feb 7.**

**DAVID MABB AND PAM SKELTON:** Figurative paintings.
**Bluecoat Gallery, School Lane, Liverpool (051 709 5689), Tues-Sat 10.30-5pm, free, until Feb 13.**

## WALKS

**LEGAL LONDON — THE INNS OF COURT AND LAW COURTS:** meet Temple tube, 11am, £3.

**ON THE TRAIL OF SHERLOCK HOLMES:** meet Baker Street tube, 11am, £2.50.

**THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER:** meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

**BAD MONKS AND NAUGHTY NUNS:** meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

**MEDIEVAL CITY BYWAYS:** meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

## OTHER EVENTS

**BURNING THE CLAVIE:** Old Druid fire-worshipping custom. The Clavie King sets light to a tar-filled barrel which is carried in procession through the old town to an altar on top of Doorie Hill. Faggots from the Clavie are allegedly lucky and townspeople are either given or take them from the fire as it smoulders.
**Burghead, Grampian. Tonight 6pm.**

**NATIONAL GALLERY FILMS:** Two today — van Eyck, *Father of Flemish Painting* and Memling, *Painter of Bruges*.
**Lower Floor Theatre, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321). 1pm, free.**

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS — THE BRITISH DISCOVERY OF AUSTRALIA:** Major exhibition telling the story through the work of maritime explorers, scientists, artists, convicts and governors. Includes exhibits by Sidney Parkinson, the artist who travelled on Cook's first voyage, Thomas Watling, transported for forgery, and the great natural history artist, Ferdinand Bauer. Also the Great Cabin of *Endeavour* and a replica of the walk-in panorama of Sydney as it appeared in 1828.
**Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1pm-6pm, £2, child £1 (under-fives free), until March 20.**

**CLAYWORTH PLOUGH MONDAY FESTIVITIES:** Procession with plough and local ploughing champions from Royston Manor through the town to the Memorial Hall where local residents perform the traditional *Old Wooing Play*. Ploughman's supper included in the admission price.
**Clayworth, Retford, Nottinghamshire. Procession 6.45pm, play 7.30pm, 60p on the door.**

## BOOKINGS

### FIRST CHANCE

**JORVIK VIKING FESTIVAL:** Fourth annual festival highlights include *Ragnarök* Viking drama in York Minster; incantation, and George Melly in concert; concerts and masterclasses with BBC Philharmonic and John Shirley Quirk and oboist Sarah Watkins. Also an evening with Richard Stilgoe; plus lectures, fireworks, feasts; Viking longship race, combat re-enactments and boat burning ceremony. Jan 29-Feb 28.
**Jorvik Viking Festival Office, CRM Ltd, United House, Piccadilly, York.**

**EXULTATE JUBILATE IN MANCHESTER:** Felicity Lott sings Mozart, with Scottish Chamber Orchestra, under Juuka-Pekka Saraste, at the Royal Northern College of Music. Feb 24.
**Scottish Chamber Orchestra, 12 Howden Street, Edinburgh (031 667 0121).**

### LAST CHANCE

**BOAT SHOW:** Last days of show, including windsurfing, sailing dinghies and cruisers.
**Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5. Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat and Sun 10am-7pm. Ends Sun.**

**BARBARA HEPWORTH:** Display of 10 sculptures from between 1951 and 1973. Ends Sat.
**New Art Centre, 41 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-235 5344).**

## BOND WINNERS

The winning number of the £250,000 top prize in the January premium bond draw is 23RF 224692. The winner lives in Watford.

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for premium bond prizes are: £100,000: bond number 19XS 497268 (the winner lives in Essex); £50,000: 25TK 522617 (Gwent); £25,000: 17KF 579650 (Northamptonshire).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 16.*

**PATIBULARY**
(b) Pertaining to hanging, from the Latin *patibulum*, the fork-shaped or yoke-shaped gibbet to which criminals were fastened; considered humorous by lovers of the long word.

**TIDDY**
(b) The four of trumps at gleek, Scottish card game, probably from Scots *gleek*, to peep; don't ask me why.

**PANDICULATION**
(a) Stretching and yawning, as when rising from sleep, from the Latin *pandiculari*, to contort one's face in a grimace.

**APOLAUSTIC**
(a) Concerned with pleasure, from the Greek *apolaustis*, to enjoy.

## TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

**LONDON:**
1 (—) Predator
2 (1) Cry Freedom
3 (6) Wish You Were Here
4 (4) Little Dorrit
5 (5) Witches of Eastwick
6 (9) Roxanne
7 (3) Inner Space
8 (8) Spaceballs
9 (7) Manon des Sources
10 (2) Masters of the Universe
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**OUTSIDE LONDON:**
1 Masters of the Universe
2 Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs
3 Big Foot and The Hendersons
4 Spaceballs
5 Innerspace
Supplied by: *Screen International*

**UNITED STATES:**
1 (2) Three Men and a Baby
2 (3) Throw Momma from the Train
3 (1) Eddie Murphy Raw
4 (—) Broadcast News
5 (4) Batteries Not Included
6 (5) Wall Street
7 (6) Planes, Trains and Automobiles
8 (7) Overboard
9 (8) Fatal Attraction
10 (-) Empire of the Sun
Supplied by: Exhibitor Relations Co Inc/*Screen International*

**VIDEO RENTALS:**
1 Watch With Mother
2 Billy Connolly: Billy & Albert
3 Thundercats Ho!
4 Now That's What I Call Music
5 Peter Gabriel: CV
Supplied by: *Video Business*


# ENTERTAINMENTS

## CONCERTS

**BARBICAN HALL** 638 8891/628 8795 Tom't 7.45 **ENGLISH PARAMIX - LONDON SINFONIETTA** Peter Eotvos (cond) Birtwistle Tragoedia, Secret Theatre, Verses for Ensembles.

## EXHIBITIONS

**EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS.** Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50. Adults. £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Tuesday 09.30 - 18.00, W/E 10.00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828 3768.

## OPERA & BALLET

**COLISEUM** 5 836 3161 CC 240 8258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tom't 7.30 Rigoletto. Tomor 7.00 Der Rosenkavalier.

**Royal Festival Hall** 928 3191. CC 928 8800. Until 16 January. Eves 7.30pm. Sats Mats 3.00pm. **LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET THE NUTCRACKER** (Sebastian) Tom't: Thomas / Chatmer / Grant / Gee / Ouzda / Supervia / Pettinaux / Thomas. Tickets from £4.50

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE** 240 1066/1911. Stalls info 836 6903. S CC 66 amplit seats avail on the day. Tom't 7.30 **THE ROYAL OPERA L'Italiana in Algeri.** Tomor 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** The Dream / Pavane / The Concert. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9816.

**SADLER'S WELLS** 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Eves 7.30. Until Wed **SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET La Fille Mal Gardee.**

## THEATRES

**ADELPHI** 836 7611 or 240 7913 /a CC 741 9999/ 836 7368/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO 2 APRIL. **ME AND MY GIRL** THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat at 4.30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** S Express

**ALBERY** 836 3878 cc 379 6565 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 Groups 836 3962 **NICHOLAS LYNDHURST** "The deadpan vulnerability of a Laurel or a Keaton. Such stinging talent" Daily Mail. **LARRY'S NEW BAT COMEDY THE FOREIGNER** **"WONDERFULLY HILARIOUS"** D Ex **"The funniest play of the decade"** NY Times. Eves 8 Mats Thurs & Sat 3. New booking period to June 11 Apply open

**ALDWYCH** 01 836 6404/0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30. Saturday 5 & 8.30 **LAST 6 WEEKS OF LTD SEASON MICHAEL GAMBON BEST ACTOR OF THE YEAR** Standard Drama Award & Plays & Players Theatre Critics Award for National Theatre production of **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE** By Arthur Miller Directed by Alan Ayckbourn Charity Matinee Feb 11 at 2.30 **FIGHT FOR SIGHT**

**AMBASSADORS** 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 **Royal Shakespeare Company's** **LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES** Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Some tickets avail Mats **NOW BOOKING TO JUNE**

**APOLLO** 437 2663 CC 434 3598/9 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7 days 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444/CCTB 741 9999. **JOHN GIELGUD ROSEMARY HARRIS RAY McANALLY** **THE BEST OF FRIENDS** by **HUGH WHITEMORE** 87 **PERFORMANCES ONLY** From Thursday 23 January Tues to Sat at 8.00pm Matinee Sat 3.00pm

**APOLLO** 437 2663 CC 434 3598 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 **"NICELY REVIVE-WICKED EVENING"** E.Shorter **DINSDALE LANDEN CAROL DRINKWATER** and **JEREMY BULLOCH** in **DANGEROUS OBSESSION** Gripping new thriller by W J Gray **"Powerfully applies the brakes at suspense"** Times. **"HOLDS YOUR NERVES AT SCREAMING TENSION AUDIENCE UNFIT FOR DREAMS FOR WEEKS"** D. Mail. Eves 8pm. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Mats Thu 3.00pm

**APOLLO VICTORIA** 02 828 8665 CC 834 6262 Prestel 6128 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Preview 741 9999 Grp 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 **PHENOMENAL....YOU HAVE TO SEE IT** D.Tel. **STARLIGHT EXPRESS** Music by **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER** Lyric by **RICHARD STILGOE** Directed by **TREVOR NUNN** **SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK** OAP's £5 on Tues mats **NOW BOOKING TO SEPT**

**ARTS THEATRE** Gt Newport St. WC2 836 2132 cc 741 9999 **GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S** **CANDIDA** **"Comic through and through" Times. Previews tonight. Opens tomorrow at 7.30**

**BARBICAN THEATRE** 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** TON'T. tomorr. Wed 7.30 Thurs 2.0 & 7.30 **THE WINTER'S TALE** **"Highly recommended" Times A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** rtne Fri. **THE WIZARD OF OZ** rtns 16 Jan. **THE PIT** TON'T. tomorr. Wed 7.30 **DEATHWATCH/THE MAIDS** by Genet. **OLD YEAR'S EVE** rtne Fri. **SPECIALITIES** rtns 18 Jan (Students £4.50 in advance).

**CAMBRIDGE** Box Office & CC 379 6299 741 9999 First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 **DIANE & JOSEPHINE BLAKE LANGTON** In the West End Premiere of **THE RINK** The Musical Reduced Price Prevs from Feb 8

**CAMBRIDGE THEATRE** Earlham St. WC2 Box Office & CC 01-379 5299 (no bkg fee). CC 1st Call 24hr/7 day 240 7200 (no bkg fee). CCTB 741 9999 (NO BKG FEE) & Open All Hrs 379 4444 (BKG FEE). Group Sales 930 6123 **LULU GEORGE COLE JAN HARVEY** **PETER PAN** Eves 7.30. Mats Today, Tomor, Wed & Sat at 2.30 **LAST 3 WEEKS!**

**COMEDY** 01-930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438 & 741 9999/& CC (bkg fee) 240 7200 Group Sales 930 6123 **"A NEW ROMANCE CAN HARDLY FAIL TO MOVE"** City Limits **DAVID SUCHET SASKIA REEVES** **"Very funny. KIR for a ticket"** Ms London **SEPARATION** by Tom Kempinski directed by Michael Attenborough **"A BLAZING DART OF A PLAY...THEY RAISE THE ROOF"** Sun Times. Mon-Thu 8.0. Fri & Sat 6.0 & 8.45

**COTTESLOE** National Theatre 928 2252 Tom't & Tomor 6.00 **LOVE SONGS OF WORLD WAR III** the Adrian Mitchell Songbook.

**CRITERION** 5 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999 Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thu mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 **"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST"** D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company **RALPH BATES SHAN MURPHY** **LIONEL JEFFRIES** **PATRICIA BRAKE HELEN GELL** **RON ALDRIDGE GRAHAM JAMES** **RUN FOR YOUR WIFE!**

# TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## BBC1

**6.00** Ceefax AM. **6.35** Leon Errol in Dear Dear (b/w). **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Magnusson. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.30** Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series starring Penny Marshall, Cindy Williams and Henry Winkler. **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' remarks on the weekend's television output. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. **10.00** News and weather followed by The Flintstones (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School and The Wombles (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Annette Crosbie with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes. **12.00** News and weather followed by Daytime Live includes a trip round Jersey Zoo in the company of Gerald Durrell. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Clive gets the shock of his life. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz. **2.15** Ironside. The chief investigates the brutal mugging of his colleague, Ed Brown, after he has dated a beautiful singer (r). **3.00** Hudson and Halls. The two cooks prepare three delicious dishes. Their guest is Grace Kennedy. **3.25** Watchdog. Consumer affairs series (repeated at 7.35). **3.50** Bananaman (r). **4.00** The Antics Road Show from Festival Park, Liverpool **4.15** Laurel and Hardy (r). **4.20** Jackanory. Sylvestra Le Touzel with part one of *Children of Winter*, by Bertie Doherty. **4.30** Droids. The first of a four-part animated adventure serial. (Ceefax) **4.55** Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News presented by Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Wogan. Tonight's guests include Mary Archer, Alan Whicker and John Tusa. **7.35** Watchdog. Consumer affairs programme presented by John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood. The guest is Jeffrey Archer who has advice for those who want to get a book published (first shown at 3.25). **8.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show. (Ceefax) **8.30** Whatever Next. . . Game show presented by Noel Edmonds. **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Panorama: Arthur Scargill Evermore? A profile of the president of the National Union of Mineworkers with contributions from friends, among them Dennis Skinner, and the not-so-enamoured including Jimmy Reid who believes that if the kamikaze pilots had had a union Mr Scargill would have been an ideal choice for president. Plus, pithead comment from South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and South Wales. **10.10** Film: Stark (1985) starring Nicolas Surovy, Marilu Henner and Dennis Hopper. A made for television drama about a Kansas Police Force officer who takes leave in order to investigate the mystery surrounding the disappearance of his Las Vegas dancer sister. Directed by Rod Holcomb. **11.45** Weather.

## BBC2

**9.00** Ceefax **9.15** Daytime on Two: short-term commissions **9.35** Youth Training Schemes **10.00** For the very young **10.15** Rhythm **10.40** Thinkabout **11.00** The Norman invasion **11.20** Three traditional tales **11.45** Bullying from two points of view **12.05** History: Cold Wars **12.30** Communicating with music **1.00** Science in action **1.20** For the young **1.30** A north Essex arable farm **2.00** News and weather followed by a programme for the young. **2.15** Songs of Praise from Bangor Cathedral (r). (Ceefax) **2.50** Save a Life. Emergency first aid series (r). **3.00** News and weather followed by World Darts. Highlights of the weekend's matches in the Embassy World Professional Championship introduced by Tony Gubba **3.50** News, regional news and weather. **4.00** Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with ideas for inexpensive holidays for the retired **4.30** Noticeboard. Radio and television news and Daytime Club details. **4.35** Poldark. Episode nine of the 16-part romantic serial (r). **5.30** Tomorrow's World (r). **6.00** Film: The Fallen Sparrow (1943, b/w) starring Maureen O'Hara and John Garfield. A thriller about an International Brigade supporter who escapes from a Spanish gaol to the United States where Nazi agents pick up his trail. Directed by Richard Wallace. **7.30** World Darts. First-round matches in the Embassy World Professional Championship. **8.10** Horizon: Death of a Star. (Ceefax) (see Choice). **9.00** Clarence. Comedy series starring Ronnie Barker as a myopic removal man and Josephine Tewson as his intended. **9.30** Moonlighting. David is hired to find a man's reluctant girlfriend. **10.15** World Darts. Eric Bristow meets the Irish number one, Ray Farrell, in the first round of the Embassy World Championship. **10.45** Newsnight **11.30** Weather. **11.35** World Darts. Further first round action from the Lakeside Country Club. Ends at **12.10**.

## ITV/LONDON

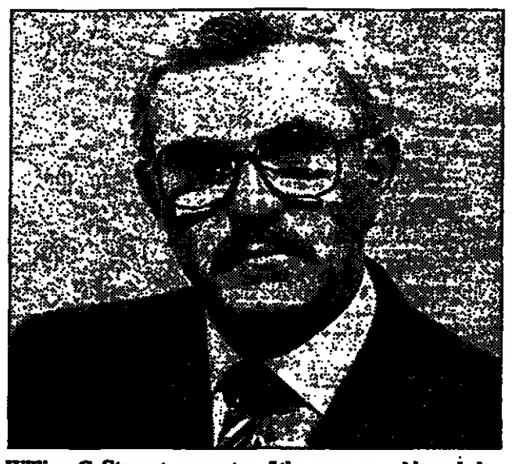
**6.00** TV-am begins with a pop video preview of 1988; **7.00** and **8.00**, for a half an hour, Good Morning Britain introduced by Richard Keys. **8.30** G'Day Britain presented by Anne Diamond in Australia. After Nine includes advice on health care both before and after pregnancy. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game chaired by Michael Parkinson. **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines. **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10** Let's Pretend to the tale of *The New King* **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Are Mothers Really Necessary? John Bowlby examines the roots of delinquency **12.00** The Sullivans. **12.30** News **12.50** Thames news. **1.00** Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Jeremy Beadle. **1.30** Film: Golden Rendezvous (1977) starring Richard Harris, Ann Turkel and David Janssen. Thriller set on board a ship carrying no-limit gamblers. When members of the crew begin to mysteriously disappear the ship's First Officer starts an investigation. Directed by Ashley Lazarus. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors. **4.00** Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children (r). **4.10** Five Minute Wonder presented by Gabrielle Bradshaw **4.20** The Real Ghostbusters. The first of an animated series based on the characters of the film *Ghostbusters*. **4.45** Seal Morning. Episode one of a six-part serial set in a remote part of the British Isles during the 1930s. Starring Jane Lapotaire and Holly Aird (r). **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. **5.45** News **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help. Community action news. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Wish You Were Here. . ? Judith Chalmers tries a train tour of the West coast of Scotland; John Carter investigates cheap holidays in Spain; and Anneka Rice finishes her coach tour of the United States. (Oracle) **7.30** Coronation Street. There's more trouble at Mike Baldwin's factory. (Oracle) **8.00** After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales as a widow trying to cope with a bossy mother and a devious daughter. With Joan Sanderson. **8.30** World in Action: Dirty Money. The results of a six month investigation into the laundering of millions of pounds in drugs profits through Britain's offshore tax haven. **9.00** Harem. The second and final part of the adventure and Jessica is sentenced to death by the Sultan after being found in bed with the rebel leader. Starring Omar Sharif, Nancy Travis, Art Malik and Ava Gardner. (continues after the news) **10.00** News at Ten **10.30** Thames news headlines **10.35** Harem continued. **11.35** I Spy. Vintage American espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby. **12.30am** Sportsworld Extra featuring golf from California. **2.00** That's Hollywood. The best supporting actors. **2.30** News headlines followed by Taxi. Comedy series. **3.00** Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (1947) starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. Comedy about a daydreamer whose fantasies come true after he meets a beautiful blonde. Directed by Norman Z McLeod. **5.00** ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

## CHANNEL 4

**9.30** Schools. **12.00** Business Daily. **12.30** Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children. **1.00** Open Exchange. Weekly magazine series for Open College learners. **2.00** The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show. **3.00** Mr Pye. Episode one of a four-part adaptation of Mervyn Peake's story of a retired bank manager who sees it as his crusade to bring sweetness and love to the feuding people of Sark. Starring Derek Jacobi and Judy Parfitt (r). **4.00** Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson goes to Bognor to see if holiday camps are still part of Britain's holidaying tradition. **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. (see Choice). **5.00** The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series. **5.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). **6.00** Information Technology. Alan Dobie with the second programme in his eight-part series exploring information technology and how it affects our lives. **6.30** Tales Out of School. A new five-part series about schooldays, exploring a key issue relating to schooling in Britain today. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.50** Comment and Weather. **8.00** Brookside. Harry and Ralph try to avert a domestic crisis by suggesting that Sammy Rogers might like some cleaning work. (Oracle) **8.30** Rude Health. Comedy series set in a small town's medical centre. **9.00** Merely Mortal. Part one of a new five-programme series examining death in a constructive, sensitive and non-harrowing way. **9.45** Masterworks. Edwin Mullins examines John Everett Millais's *Ophelia*. **10.00** Hill Street Blues. An escapee from a mental institution captures Buntz, who had him committed, and tries to make him beg for his life. (Oracle) **11.00** The Eleventh Hour: Soft Cell. An exploration of the impact of genetic engineering. **11.55** Dona Helena Pallin. A documentary portrait of a Bolivian peasant woman. Ends at **12.25am**.

# A fame game shoot-out

**TELEVISION CHOICE**



William G. Stewart, presenter of the new general knowledge quiz Fifteen-to-One (on Channel 4, 4.30pm)

● The contestants of Fifteen-To-One (Channel 4, 4.30pm) stand in a semi-circle like the targets in a shooting gallery. As it turns out, the shooting gallery is a useful metaphor. The show is strictly low budget: no hostesses in fishnet tights, no star prizes and no smirking Bob Monkhouse with endless jokes about the wife. Apparently devised as an antidote to the claustrophobic darkness of *Mastermind*, the set resembles a field of snow with a pond in the middle and a bright blue sky at the back. The question master is genial William G. Stewart, the man behind that very different game show, *The Price Is Right*. Here his function is not to induce audience hysteria but to rattle off general knowledge questions like "Who is the Queen's eldest grandchild?" and "What is a group of quails called?". Three wrong answers and the contestant is out and there are only three seconds to reply. In round two, contestants can nominate their colleagues to receive questions, a form of assassination which helps to narrow the field to three for the final shoot-out. The scoring gets complicated at this point and I will not try to elaborate. But at the end, the original 15 contestants have been narrowed down to one and he/she will go through to the grand final. Devised by a British Telecom salesman, John Lewis, *Fifteen-to-One* is Channel 4's substitute while the popular and enjoyable *Countdown* takes a winter break. For too long, says Stewart, the intelligent quiz game has been preserved in aspic, reserved for dark halls and reverential audiences. Which seems like another swipe at *Mastermind*. Having invoked the comparison, *Fifteen-to-One* must live with it. (I am not sure about "intelligent": my feeling is that this sort of exercise requires not so much intelligence as the ability to accumulate facts and be able to recall them under the glare of the TV cameras). *Mastermind*, for all its dark halls and reverential audiences, would seem to have the edge in two respects. With specialist subjects as well as general knowledge, it has greater variety. And the black chair inquisition does give a chance for the audience to relish personalities, to see whether the vicar knows more than the bus driver. The sheer speed of *Fifteen-To-One*, in some ways a virtue, means that the contestants tend to remain anonymous. But quiz shows can become addictive, and with five editions a week, *Fifteen-To-One* has every chance to build a following.

● On a blustery night in February last year, two astronomers manning a telescope in Chile picked up something the like of which had not been seen since 1604. They were so overcome that they forgot how to telex the news to the rest of the world. It was, claims the commentary to *Death of a Star*, tonight's edition of Horizon (BBC2, 8.10pm), the greatest adventure in modern astronomy. What the couple had spotted was a dying star, or supernova. For years, astronomers had developed theories about the supernova, which might even answer questions about the origins of life itself. Now those theories could be put to the test. From the United States to Australia and a zinc mine in Japan, the programme follows the experts as they sift the evidence and discover how it fits their ideas. "Oh my God, what a trip, man" exclaims one over-the-moon boffin, though the layman may find some of the discussion too technical to be able to summon up the same enthusiasm.

**Peter Waymark**

# Hooked on drug drama

**RADIO CHOICE**



Ray Smith in Miss High Heels, on R4, 3.00pm

● Rob Gittins's play Miss High Heels (repeated on Radio 4, 3.00pm) offers no hope at all that a victory is in sight in the war against drugs. The exact opposite. The conclusion it comes to is that the drugs rings have got their fingers round the throats of our cities and the most we can hope for is that they will loosen their grip before it is too late to prevent the Big Sleep. A bleakly pessimistic play, then. But a first-rate one, with a highly-complicated plot that demands, and deserves, our undivided attention if we are going to follow the trail of the ex-police officer (Ray Smith) and his sidekick (Howell Evans) through the streets of an unusually sinister Cardiff without losing all sense of direction and ending up in a cul-de-sac. Should you feel that director Adrian Mourby has been extraordinarily successful in picking up the realistic tang of Gittins's dialogue (though his grip does slacken during the two long and poorly delivered speeches at the end which recall Agatha Christie on an off day), it is probably because he recorded the play on location. This device cannot make a good play out of a poor one, but it can certainly make a good one like *Miss High Heels* an even better one.

● I suspect The Best of British (Radio 4, 6.30pm) will not go down too well with anyone who takes a dim view of some of the less flattering things satirists like Noel Coward have said about the Brits at home and abroad. It is a disloyal toast to failure. Sport, exploration, warfare, literature: take your pick. There are more thumbs-down in Dave Cohen's and Pete Sinclair's script than you would have found on a busy day at the games in Nero's Rome. I have forgotten to mention that this is a comedy show, and it gets the thumbs-up from me if only for the wicked observations about the British sprinter who spent all his time rooted to the spot because he said he was in training for the medals ceremony; the war poet who penned the line "How I hate these bloody trenches" and was killed shortly afterwards because he made the mistake of reciting this and other examples of his deathless prose to the rest of his mates; and the hopeful darts player in pub tournaments who was told that he would never make it because he did not have the stomach for it.

**Peter Davalle**



Derek Jacobi in Mr Pye, back on C4, at 3.00pm

## VARIATIONS

**CHANNEL** As London except:12.00-12.30pm Arcade 12.50 News 1.00 Gardening Time 1.30 Film: John and Julie' 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 11.35 Hammer House of Horror 12.35am Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except:12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-3.30 Film: The Liquidator 5.15 Home Cookery Club 5.30-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 11.35 Happy Birthday Australia 12.35am Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30 Film: The Dark Angel' 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.35 Happy Birthday Australia 12.35am Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30 Film: Floods of Fear' 3.00-3.30 In Loving Memory 6.00-7.00 News 11.35 Five Star 12.35am Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except:6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 11.35 Survival of the Fittest 12.05am-12.35 Twilight Zone.

**SCOTTISH** As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50-1.00 News 1.30 Film: The Grace Kelly Story 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre 5.15 Pet Subject 5.30-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30 Crimedesk 6.30-7.00 Sunshine at Gleneagles 11.35 Australia Live 12.35am Late Call, Closedown.

**TSW** As London except:12.00-12.30pm Country Practice 12.50-1.00 News 1.30 Film: Jessie 3.00-3.30 Slim Sets Sim 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Easy Street 11.35 America's Top 10 12.05am Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.30 Postscript, Closedown.

**TVS** As London except:12.00-12.30pm Arcade 12.50 News 1.00 Gardening Time 1.30 Film: John and Julie' 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 11.35 Hammer House of Horror 12.35am Company, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Anastasia' 6.00 Northern Life 11.30 Cover Story 12.30am Hello God 12.40-6.00 Jobfinder

**ULSTER** As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 1.30 Film: Sleeping Car to Trieste 3.10 Cartoon 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 Six To-night 11.35 Best Intentions 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except:12.00-12.30pm Wish You Were Here...? 12.50-1.00 News 1.30 Film: The Grace Kelly Story 3.15 Home Cookery 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.35 Happy Birthday Australia 12.35am Jobfinder 1.35 Closedown.

**S4C** Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Make Your Own Video 1.00 Open College 2.00 Late Late Show 3.00 Marco Polo 4.15 Lluniau Dydd Llun 4.30 Ysgolorisaeth 5.00 Beverly Hillbillies' 5.30 Mavis on 4 6.00 Stocks and Shares Show 6.30 Tales Out of School 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Arolwg II 8.00 Profi'r Pethe 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.05 The Horse in Sport 10.05 South Riding 11.05 Alds Now 12.05am Closedown.


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## Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Nicky Campbell **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** pm Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **10.00–12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00–4.00** am As Radio 2.

## Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) Sports Round-Up **8.50** am **4.00** am Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young (incl at **12.30**, FA Cup Fourth-Round draw) **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days (**7.30** Bid Band Era) **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttleton (Jazz on record) **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** Strike a British Note (music from British films) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00** am Patrick Lunt **3.00–4.00** A Little Night Music.

## WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT. **8.09** News/Sport **8.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Housing the World **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Five William Stories **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News; followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** Legacy of the Sixties **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Health Matters **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** My Music **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** I've Been Together Now For 70 Years **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Legacy of the Sixties **3.45** A Mozart Miscellany **4.00** News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** Pressure Points **4.30** A-Z of Hollywood **4.45** World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Book Choice **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Pressure Points **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.45** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Australia Bound **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Mysterious Art of the Conductor **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Story **1.45** Pressure Points **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

## Radio 3

**6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Ruy Blas overture: Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit). Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat, H 1 105: Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Leonard Bernstein). Hindemith (Symphonic metamorphosis of themes by Carl Maria von Weber: Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy) **8.00** News bulletin **8.05** Morning Concert (contd): Rakhmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1: Zoltan Kocsis and San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under Edo de Waart). Dvorak (Wind Serenade in D minor, Op 44: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra under Robert Layton) **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Purcell. Recordings including the overture Timon of Athens (Parley of Instruments); Anthem for the Coronation of James II; My Heart is Inditing (Westminster Abbey Choir and Orchestra), Sonata No 1 in B minor (Academy of Ancient Music), and Suite No 1 in G (Colin Tilney, piano). Also Laudate Ceciliam: Ode for St Cecilia's Day (Deller Consort) **10.00** A Postcard from Italy: recordings of Charles Griffes's The White Peacock (National PO under Charles Gerhardt), and Bizet's Symphony in C (City of Birmingham SO under Louis Frémaux) **10.40** Bach and Variations: Evelyne Brancart (piano) plays Bach's Toccata in C minor, BWV 911; and Reger's Variations and Fugue on a theme by Bach **11.25** BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Albert Rosen. With Eugene Sarbu (violin). Gluck (Iphigenie en Aulide overture), Lalo (Symphonie espagnole, four movement version), Brahms (Symphony No 1) **1.00** News bulletin **1.05** Beaux Arts Trio perform Mozart's Trio in C, K 548; and Beethoven's Trio in D, Op 70 No 1 **2.00** Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes a conversation with the trumpet player Håkan Hardenberger, and Michael Hurd on the problems of setting Thomas Hardy to music. Also, Michael Kennedy contrasting Britten and Vaughan Williams (r) **2.45** New Records: Bizet's Patrie overture (City of Mexico PO under Batiz), Dubensky's arrangement of Fauré's Après un rêve (Eskin, cello, and Boston SO under Ozawa), Elgar (Two choral songs Op 73; and Go, Song of Mine, Op 57 (Worcester Cathedral Choir, with Donald Hunt Singers), Beethoven (Sonata in E flat Op 81a (Murray Perahia, piano), Fiala (Oboe Concerto in B flat: Jiri Krejci with Prague CHamber Orchestraunder Frantisek Vajnar), Mahler (Lob des hohen Verstandes: Das Antonius von Padua Fischpredigt, Des Knaben Wunderhorn (Weild, baritone, with London Philharmonic Orchestra under Tennstedt), Shostakovich (Symphony No 5: Oslo PO under Jansons) **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: Eric Hancock presents a selection of recorded music **6.55** News bulletin **7.00** Dupré: Jane Watts, playing the organ in Westminster Cathedral, in performances of works include the Prelude and Fugue in G, Op 7 No 3; and the Symphony No 2 **7.25** Words: a talk by the industrial historian John Sperry (r) **7.45** Endless Parade: concert of Harrison Birtwistle music, live from the Barbican Hall, London. London Sinfonietta under Peter Eötvös. The Tragoedia: Secret Theatre. And Verses for Ensembles. At **9.30**, a talk by Stephen Walsh about Birtwistle and his music for the London Sinfonietta **9.25** Piano Music: Susan Tomes plays Bartok's Eight Improvisations on Hungarian Peasant Songs, Op 20; and Debussy's Preludes, Book 2 (including La Terrasse des audiences au clair de lune; Feux d'artifice; Les Fées sont d'exquises danseuses) **10.00** Max Bruch: programme three (of four). Recordings of Symphony No 3 (BBC Concert Orchestra under James Lockhart), and Violin Concerto No 3 (Salvatore Accardo, violin, with Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur) **11.20** Hardy in Song: John Carol Case (baritone) and Howard Ferguson (piano) in a performance of Finzi's Earth and Air and Rain **11.57** News **12.00** Close

## Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4: programme trailers, presented by Peter Donaldson **8.42** Falling Towards England (new series): Clive James reads chapters from his memoirs (r) Soft Landing (Chapter 2 can be heard next Monday) **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** Start the Week: Russell Harty with guests (s) **10.00** News; Money Box: presented by Louise Botting **10.30** Morning Story: Yachan's Sarong, by Michael Wharly. The reader is Pik-Sen Lim **10.45** Daily Service: from the Crypt of Worcester Cathedral. The service is conducted by the Rev James Butterworth, and reading is from Ephesians 4, verses one to thirteen. (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Down Your Way: In the second of two programmes (the first was from the Barbican Centre in London), Aled Jones, the former boy singer, invites listeners to his home in the Menai Strait area, North Wales (r) **11.50** Poetry Please!: presented by Kevin Crossley-Holland. The readers are Caroline John and Geoffrey Beevers **12.00** News; You and Yours: presented by Susan Rae **12.25** The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler, dramatized by Bill Morrison in three parts, with Ed Bishop as Philip Marlowe, Liza Ross as Carmen Sternwood, and Diana Olsson as Vivian Regan (2) (r) **12.56** Weather forecast **1.00** The World at One **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: introduced by Jenni Murray. Today's line-up includes the sixth instalment of Dalene Matthee's Fiela's Child, read by Sean Barrett **3.00** News; Miss High Heels, by Rob Gittins; with Ray Smith as the former detective-constable who, though retired, cannot resist the temptation to investigate a murder. Cast also includes Howell Evans, Patricia Napier, and Jan Edwards (see Choice) (s) **4.30** Kaleidoscope: Pinewood West. The results of British film-making talent going to Hollywood. An investigation by Nigel Andrews (r) **5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.30** Best of British: (new series) Willie Rushton casts a satirical eye on the British and their attitudes (1): Heroism (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** The Food Programme: presented by Derek Cooper **7.45** Science Now: presented by Peter Evans **8.15** Companeros: Play by Mike Walker. A drama, set in present-day Nicaragua. What happens when a group of four people go on a dangerous journey into the heart of a country. Cast includes Derek Newark, Angharad Rees, Trevor Nichols and Colin Sinton. Music by David Chilton, Nick Russell-Pavier (see Choice) (s) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: introduced by Michael Oliver. Tonight's edition includes items on David Manet's book Writing in Restaurants; the film Fatal Attraction; the BBC Young Playwrights Festival; and we hear the results of the *Kaleidoscope* carol competition which attracted more than 260 entries. **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Bevis: The Story of a Boy' by Richard Jefferies, abridged in 15 episodes (6). The reader is Michael Williams **10.29** Weather forecast **10.30** The World Tonight: presented by Richard Kershaw **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather. **VHF** as above except: **11.00** am-**12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Music Makers **11.20** Let's Move! **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See For Yourself **1.55-3.00** pm For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10**am Schools Night-Time. Help Yourself Biology **12.30** Blood Sugar Control **12.50** Sex Hormones.

**FREQUENCIES:** Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

# Yard in clash on Waite payment

By Clifford Longley and Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard and Lambeth Palace gave conflicting versions yesterday of the decision to give £12,000 to two men who offered to act as middlemen to free Mr Terry Waite, the missing church envoy who is being held hostage in Lebanon.

Lambeth Palace insisted that both the police and the Foreign Office were contacted before any money was handed over, but Scotland Yard issued a terse statement saying that an aide to the Archbishop of Canterbury sought a meeting with senior officers, but at the meeting they were told the money had already been paid.

The conflict between church and police became plain yesterday as details of the payments to two men, one of whom is now in prison, emerged. Mr John Lytle, senior lay official to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, admitted that the money was given to Mr John Entwistle and Mr Charles Armstrong.

The men promised to set up secret meetings with people in touch with Mr Waite's kidnappers.

He said: "We began to worry when, despite constant requests, no actual proof of access to Terry Waite or any of the other hostages was produced".

By the time the church became suspicious it had been in contact with Mr Entwistle and Mr Armstrong for four months, and had financed them on several trips to the Middle East.

Mr Lyttle explains the discrepancy between his account and that of Scotland Yard by insisting that the Yard must have suffered "a breakdown in communications".

He maintains that there was a general discussion with police about the wisdom of pursuing the matter further or handing over any money.

Lambeth Palace is still continuing its attempts to gain Mr Waite's release and believes it knows which group is holding him. He disappeared on January 20 last year.

According to police, the first they knew about the Waite case development was when Mr Lyttle contacted the Yard apparently after talking to the Foreign Office and after £10,000 had been handed over.

Mr Armstrong has been reported as denying having tricked the church.

Mr Armstrong, who until recently had been living at a stud farm in Whitchurch, Oxfordshire, is awaiting bankruptcy proceedings.

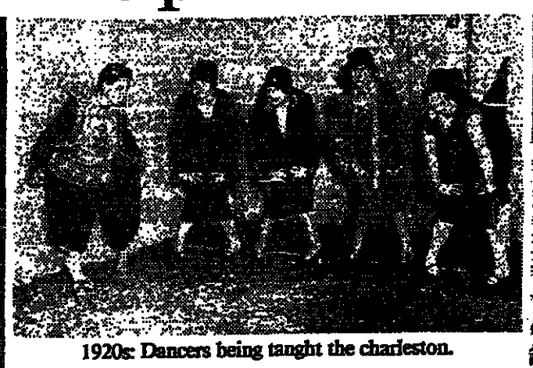
Yesterday there was no sign of him, and the new blue BMW he drives was collected by a man who described himself as a friend.

Dr Runcie, who is in San Francisco, expressed support for Mr Lyttle but said that because he had not seen media reports it would not be sensible for him to make any further comment at present.

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1948: Boys in the Gorbals, by Bert Hardy.

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

If a single picture can be worth 1,000 words what is the value of the Hulton Picture Library, which contains more than 10 million images dating back to the Indian Mutiny and is now for sale?

In one sense this national asset is priceless, and that is reflected in the strict sale conditions being laid down by the BBC, which took over Britain's largest commercial picture library 30 years ago.

Mr Michael Checkland, Director-General of the BBC, is insisting that the unique collection must go to a "good home", remain intact in Britain and stay open for general use, and keep Hulton in its title. "We believe the collection to be a national asset and we hope the new owner will cherish it," he said yesterday.

The cash-conscious Corporation is unlikely to let it go for less than £1 million. But at 10p per photograph that would still appear to be a snip given the range and richness of the collection, stored in 8,000 square feet of office space in London's Marylebone High Street.

Founded by *Picture Post*, the famous illustrated journal, on the basis of several large collections of prints and photographs, "The Hulton" contains some of the world's best-known pictures, including two by Bert Hardy, "Boys in the Gorbals 1948" and "Girls at Blackpool 1951".

Also included are a number of famous Second World War pictures which were censored at the time because it was feared that they could damage morale. They include a photograph of a double-decker bus which had plunged into a bomb crater at Balham, in south London, after a German bombing raid during the worst of the blitz in 1940.

While *Picture Post* photographs form the cornerstone of the library, the 40 other collections add their own specialist qualities. They include the Topical Press for 20th-century life; Studio Lisa and Serge Lemoine for royalty; Baron, Sasha and Gordon Anthony for the performing arts; and Felton and London Stereoscopic for places.

The library's images are made available regularly to newspapers, journals, books, films, television and video. Apart from having an excellent war record — Indian Mutiny, Boer War, First and Second World Wars, and Vietnam — the library is rich in social history from the 1930s to the 1950s. That could be an attraction for the burgeoning cable and satellite television companies.

The BBC wants to offload the Hulton because the Corporation considers that it does not possess the resources or expertise to maintain and develop it properly. But that may not stop an attempted management buy-out.

# Disputes record shelves 'superpit'

By Tim Jones

Miners in Mr Arthur Scargill's militant South Yorkshire heartland learnt yesterday that British Coal had decided to cancel investment in a new "superpit", Thorne, near Doncaster, because of the area's disastrous industrial relations record.

The news came as the men were told to abandon their strike in support of three colleagues moved from their jobs for allegedly not working hard enough.

British Coal has spent £34 million on developing the pit but has decided that the further investment of £77 million needed to bring it into production will not be forthcoming until there is agreement on "lasting improvements in industrial relations".

Mr Ted Horton, the area director, is insisting on agreement in three crucial areas before the corporation continues with the Thorne project, designed to employ 700 men producing 1.5 million tonnes of coal a year.

The areas are: agreement on six-day production; an end to the national overtime ban being conducted in protest against the corporation's code of discipline; and an end to wildcat strikes.

British Coal has said it will refuse even to consider beginning work on the proposed £90 million pit at Maygam in South Wales until the principle of six-day production is conceded. However the Thorne decision is the first time it has effectively abandoned a pit.

● British Coal is expected today to announce the closure of Seafield Colliery, Fife, spelling redundancy for most of the 640 workforce. The pit was devastated by an underground fire in January last year.

British Coal is thought to be about to announce an important investment at the Frances pit near by.

# Tory fear of Navy cuts threatening global role

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21 and the first evidence is to be taken on February 3.

Another member of the committee, Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, said yesterday that he intended to "smoke the Government out" to reveal what it was up to.

He said: "If the present rate of warship ordering continues, there is no way that the Government will be able to honour its commitment to maintain 50 ships.

"It's likely that by 1991 there will only be 40. That will make a critical difference for the Royal Navy, because when you have fewer ships, there is less flexibility for around-the-world deployments, such as in the Gulf or the Falklands.

"We would just become a home-based fleet, engaged in anti-submarine warfare activities in the North Atlantic. That would be very damaging."

The Ministry of Defence is currently involved in costings for the next 10 years and sources are admitting that this year it is going to be more difficult than ever to make the right decisions. Many key projects are likely to be "pushed to the right".

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, announced at the Conservative conference last October that he intended to order four more Type 23 frigates, but he gave no timetable. He is now expected to order only one or possibly two in the summer and delay the other two for as long as possible.

At over £115 million, the Type 23 costs three and a half times the price, in real terms, of an old Leander class frigate.

Possible casualties of the present round of costings could include the RAF's requirement for a further 40 of the new Harrier GR5 aircraft

# Whitelaw: unique politician

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bench today owe their advancement to his advocacy, especially some of the Wetter ones of whom Mrs Thatcher might otherwise have been suspicious.

As Home Secretary, Whitelaw was himself criticized as too Wet. In fact he delivered all that a modern Home Secretary could be expected to deliver in terms of sentencing and prison building. But because he would not indulge the Tory Party Conference with the rhetoric they liked, he was given a hard time. On one occasion the Prime Minister did not help, applauding the calls for capital punishment which her uncomfortable Home Secretary was resisting.

As Northern Ireland Secretary he proved an effective fixer. As Employment Secretary he was the figure who Union bosses yearned to hate but could not in practice. And as Chief Whip, Leader of the Commons and Leader of the Lords, he always knew when to indulge in a loss of temper and when to lead off a fractious colleague with an arm around his shoulders for an enormous gin.

His power has been undiminished to the end. It was Lord Whitelaw who scotched; Lord Young of Graffham's attempt to become both Party Chairman and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and it was Lord Whitelaw who pushed the Prime Minister into removing Lord Havers, the sick former Lord Chancellor, after he had been no more than a few months in the job.

In the Lords, Viscount Whitelaw has been a brilliant manager of government business. His own speeches, saved up for the crucial moment, have on several occasions turned a vital vote.

Without him, Lord Belstead, a sound nuts and bolts man without the Whitelaw charisma, will face a formidable task in pushing through a series of contentious bills on rating reform, housing and especially on edunction which Lord Whitelaw himself had warned were going to lead to upsets in the Upper House.

His crucial role for Mrs Thatcher though, and the one in which it will be virtually impossible for Mrs Thatcher to replace him, is in the management of business on Cabinet Committees and as chairman of the "Star Chamber", the committee of senior ministers which adjudicates in the unresolved public expenditure battles between departmental ministers and the Treasury.

One Cabinet colleague said: "If you want to get anything through a Cabinet Committee then you have to square Willie first. He does it for the Prime Minister all the time. He has this wonderful way of coming in just at the right point in the argument.

There is simply no one else around impartial enough or trusted enough in the eyes of their colleagues to perform that role for Mrs Thatcher.

# DTI shake-up planned to boost smaller firms

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precise control over which firms receive aid. The Secretary of State has been disturbed that grants have been going automatically to big, profitable companies which would probably have gone ahead with new developments anyway.

Shifting more grant aid to smaller enterprises will stimulate a sector that is seen as offering the best hope for producing more jobs in industry and commerce.

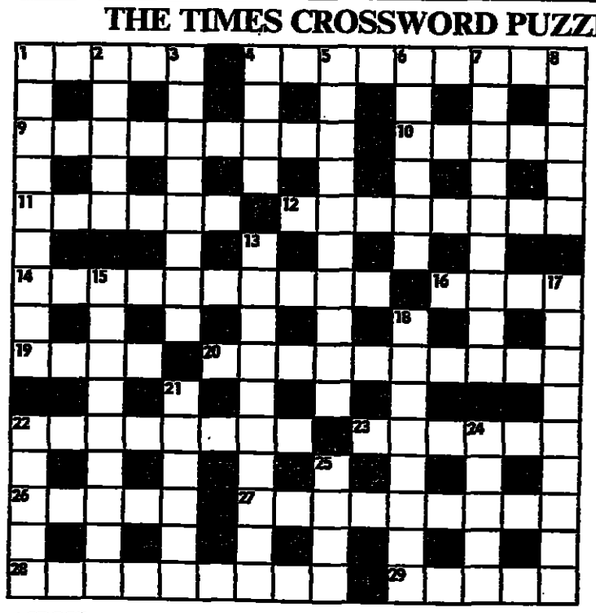
The idea of selective grants to bring more international companies to Britain was welcomed yesterday by Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the Conservative Trade and Industry Committee. He said: "It is vital we define our position in order to go on winning overseas projects.

He added that much money had been wasted in regional policy which had not brought the desired results, and the policy needed sharpening up. A regional version of the Government's loan-guarantee scheme, which helps small firms to raise cash from the banks, would be another measure which could help to improve the economic health of the regions.

More attractive financial terms under the scheme could be offered in the regions, and the present ceiling of £70,000 could be raised selectively to assist companies in their crucial secondary phase of development, benefiting those typically with between 50 and 100 employees.

● **Bow Group call:** Lord Young's proposals tomorrow follows the publication today of a Conservative Bow Group paper which calls for the ending of mortgage interest relief and other tax incentives as part of a radical market approach towards aiding the regions (Our Political Correspondent writes).

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,562



**ACROSS**

1 There's nothing in Shakespeare that's wooden (5).
4 "The Player" by 23 *ac* (9).
9 Ditch a worker for being sarcastic (9).
10 "Let such teach others who themselves —" (Pope) (5).
11 Bring on late in error (6).
12 Complaint of the underworld class (8).
14 Copper and medico being presented to Her Majesty, certain to be awkward (10).
16 A woman returning to have a meal (4).
19 The young attendant's quiet period (4).
20 Check legislation affecting shops? (10).
22 The plant, when working, emits call endlessly (8).
23 No longer prior (6).
26 One absorbed in back-issue, bearing the din (5).
27 Lead weight — it has grave associations (9).
28 He'll get firm with many an individual, the German boss (9).
29 Centre-forward others twist (5).

**DOWN**

1 Flower only three times taking a prize (9).
2 A small section showing some expertise (5).
3 Last month, bands and flags appeared (8).
4 Sue, though the compensation appears about right (4).
5 Keeping people split about pollution (10).
6 In October one may possibly see "The Fairy King" (6).
7 The country a comedian made sport of (9).
8 Means of measuring a sovereign (5).
13 Surprised to find a cast off is not ragged inside (10).
15 Drawing that comes naturally (9).
17 Put off a fellow — could be cleaner! (9).
18 A tool one wants badly (5-3).
21 Blow up article to get lead (6).
22 Sound Chinese man who'll believe the worst (5).
24 Low quarters for a beast (5).
25 Wood surrounding a place of entertainment (4).

Concise Crossword, page 7

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

**PATIBULARY**
a. To do with bakery
b. Concerned with the gallows
c. Pasturage or forage

**TIDDY**
a. In sonsie condition
b. The four of trumps
c. A VDU button

**PANDICULATION**
a. Yawning
b. Pointillisme
c. Passing the buck

**APOLAUSTIC**
a. Self-indulgent
b. Disinfectant
c. Destructive

*Answers on page 14, column 8.*

**The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,561 will appear next Saturday**

## WEATHER

**Most of England will have a dry day and a fair amount of sunshine with some icy patches at first. Wales, north-west England, southern Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny periods and showers. Northern Scotland will have brief sunny spells and frequent showers. Strong winds in the north. Early morning frost in sheltered places. Outlook: cloudy and wet, becoming mild and windy.**

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

| | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | s | 13 | 55 | Madrid | s | 7 | 45 |
| Akrotiri | s | 19 | 66 | Majorca | s | 16 | 61 |
| Alex'dria | f | 19 | 66 | Malaga | s | 15 | 59 |
| Algiers | s | 17 | 63 | Malta | r | 13 | 55 |
| Amst'dam | c | 9 | 48 | Mid'frne | s | 27 | 81 |
| Athens | c | 13 | 55 | Milan | s | 3 | 37 |
| Bahrain | s | 18 | 64 | Moscow | c | 1 | 34 |
| Barcelna | f | 12 | 54 | Munich | s | 5 | 41 |
| Belgrade | sn | 0 | 32 | Nairobi | f | 25 | 77 |
| Berlin | c | 5 | 41 | Naples | s | 11 | 52 |
| Biarritz | s | 15 | 59 | N Delhi | s | 20 | 68 |
| Bordeax | c | 9 | 48 | Nice | s | 13 | 55 |
| Brussels | d | 9 | 48 | Oslo | f | 5 | 41 |
| Budapst | c | 4 | 39 | Paris | t | 11 | 52 |
| Cairo | s | 21 | 70 | Peking | s | 1 | 34 |
| Cape Tn | s | 29 | 84 | Perth | c | 23 | 73 |
| C'blanca | s | 18 | 64 | Prague | s | 1 | 34 |
| Ch'church | s | 16 | 61 | Reykjvik | s | -4 | 25 |
| Cologne | d | 8 | 46 | Rhodes | f | 17 | 63 |
| C'phgn | r | 4 | 39 | Rio de J | c | 26 | 79 |
| Corfu | f | 15 | 59 | Rome | s | 13 | 55 |
| Dublin | f | 8 | 46 | Salzburg | s | 3 | 37 |
| Dubrovnik | f | 11 | 52 | Seoul | s | -4 | 25 |
| Faro | f | 15 | 59 | Sing'por | s | 31 | 88 |
| Florence | s | 11 | 52 | St'holm | c | 3 | 37 |
| Frankfurt | c | 4 | 39 | Strasb'rg | f | 8 | 46 |
| Funchal | c | 17 | 63 | Sydney | s | 29 | 84 |
| Geneva | c | 5 | 41 | Tangier | s | 14 | 57 |
| Gibraltar | s | 15 | 59 | Tel Aviv | s | 20 | 68 |
| Helsinki | r | 2 | 36 | Tenerife | s | 21 | 70 |
| Hong K | f | 19 | 66 | Tokyo | f | 7 | 45 |
| Innsbruck | s | 1 | 34 | Tunis | c | 14 | 57 |
| Istanbul | d | 7 | 45 | Valencia | f | 14 | 57 |
| Jeddah | s | 29 | 84 | Venice | s | 8 | 46 |
| Karachi | s | 25 | 77 | Vienna | sn | -2 | 28 |
| L Palmas | s | 20 | 68 | Warsaw | c | -3 | 27 |
| Le Touet | s | 8 | 46 | Wel'ton | s | 13 | 61 |
| Lisbon | fg | 8 | 43 | Zurich | s | 9 | 37 |
| Locarno | s | 3 | 37 | | | | |
| Luxembg | d | 5 | 41 | | | | |

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 4.3 | - | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Cromer | 1.0 | .02 | 8 | 46 | bright |
| LowestoftR | - | .05 | 7 | 45 | dull |
| Clacton | - | .09 | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Margate | - | - | 9 | 48 | dull |
| Folkestone | - | .09 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Eastbourne | - | .15 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Brighton | - | .22 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Bognor R | - | .12 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Southsea | - | .07 | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Shanklin | - | .13 | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Bournemth | - | .15 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Poole | 0.4 | .15 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Swanage | - | .19 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Weymouth | 0.9 | .09 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Exmouth | 0.5 | .04 | 10 | 50 | cloudy |
| Torquay | 0.8 | .06 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Falmouth | 0.2 | .06 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Scilly Isles | 1.5 | .20 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Guernsey | - | .20 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Newquay | 0.9 | .13 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Ilfracombe | - | .27 | 11 | 52 | shower |
| Minehead | 1.8 | .07 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Morecambe | 4.7 | .05 | 6 | 43 | rain |
| Blackpool | - | .01 | 8 | 46 | shower |
| Carlisle | 2.7 | .01 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Nottingham | 2.8 | - | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Anglesey | 1.8 | .11 | 9 | 48 | hail |
| Tenby | 1.9 | .11 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Aviemore | 0.7 | .95 | 4 | 39 | snow |
| Eskdalemuir | 1.5 | .49 | 6 | 43 | th'der |
| Lerwick | 0.6 | .20 | 6 | 43 | hail |
| Prestwick | 0.5 | .02 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Tiree | - | .38 | 7 | 45 | hail |
| Wick | 1.2 | .06 | 5 | 41 | shower |

* Denotes figures not available

### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 5.46 | 6.2 | 6.22 | 6.2 |
| Aberdeen | 5.47 | 3.5 | 5.42 | 3.7 |
| Avonmouth | 11.08 | 11.2 | 11.27 | 10.5 |
| Belfast | 3.18 | 2.9 | 3.38 | 3.2 |
| Cardiff | 10.53 | 10.5 | 11.12 | 9.9 |
| Devonport | 9.22 | 4.9 | 9.50 | 4.6 |
| Dover | 3.09 | 6.0 | 3.25 | 5.5 |
| Falmouth | 8.52 | 4.7 | 9.20 | 4.4 |
| Glasgow | 4.58 | 4.2 | 4.54 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 3.41 | 3.6 | 4.13 | 3.5 |
| Holyhead | 2.23 | 4.6 | 2.40 | 4.8 |
| Hull | 10.38 | 6.2 | 10.44 | 6.4 |
| Ilfracombe | 10.02 | 7.7 | 10.25 | 7.3 |
| Leith | 6.58 | 4.8 | 7.14 | 4.7 |
| Liverpool | 3.14 | 7.6 | 3.27 | 8.0 |
| Lowestoft | 1.15 | 2.3 | 2.22 | 2.0 |
| Margate | 3.59 | 4.3 | 4.30 | 4.1 |
| Milford Haven | 10.26 | 5.9 | 10.49 | 5.5 |
| Newquay | 9.22 | 5.9 | 9.46 | 5.6 |
| Oban | 9.43 | 3.4 | 10.18 | 3.1 |
| Penzance | 8.31 | 4.9 | 9.01 | 4.6 |
| Portland | 10.25 | 1.7 | 11.04 | 1.5 |
| Portsmouth | 3.33 | 4.1 | 3.41 | 3.9 |
| Sheerness | 3.03 | 5.4 | 3.22 | 5.0 |
| Southampton | 3.06 | 4.0 | 3.15 | 3.8 |
| Swansea | 10.24 | 8.9 | 10.47 | 7.6 |
| Tees | 8.09 | 4.4 | 8.09 | 4.7 |
| Wilton-on-Hze | 3.36 | 3.8 | 4.12 | 3.7 |

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

### THE POUND

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.64 | 2.58 |
| Austria Sch | 21.75 | 20.65 |
| Belgium Fr | 64.85 | 61.65 |
| Canada $ | 2.41 | 2.29 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.88 | 11.28 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.50 | 7.20 |
| France Fr | 10.41 | 9.91 |
| Germany Dm | 3.10 | 2.94 |
| Greece Dr | 265 | 245 |
| Hong Kong $ | 14.45 | 13.75 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.165 | 1.105 |
| Italy Lire | 2270 | 2160 |
| Japan Yen | 243 | 231 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.47 | 3.30 |
| Norway Kr | 11.87 | 11.27 |
| Portugal Esc | 259 | 249 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.60 | 3.90 |
| Spain Pta | 210 | 199 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.17 | 10.62 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.528 | 2.405 |
| USA $ | 1.875 | 1.785 |
| Yugoslavia Dar | 2500 | 2200 |

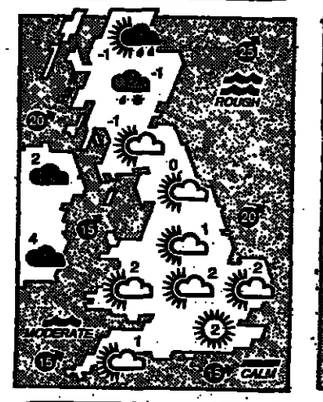
Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.4 (November)

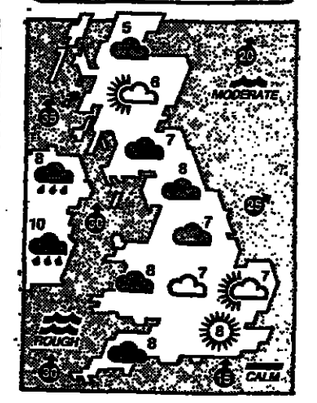
London: The *FT* Index closed down 10.0 at 1434.5.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 140.58 at 1971.31.

### AM




### PM




### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.44 pm to 7.32 am
Bristol 4.54 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.33 pm to 8.08 am
Manchester 4.43 pm to 7.50 am
Penzance 5.12 pm to 7.48 am

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay and Ilfracombe, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Carrigans, Co Tyrone, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 1.0in; highest sunshine: Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 6.1hr.

Saturday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir and Carrigans, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, 0.91in; highest sunshine: Lisborn, 2.1hr.

Sun rises: 8.03 am — Sun sets: 4.14 pm
Moon sets: 10.49 am — Moon rises: 12.26 am
Last Quarter tomorrow

### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.0 millibars, falling.

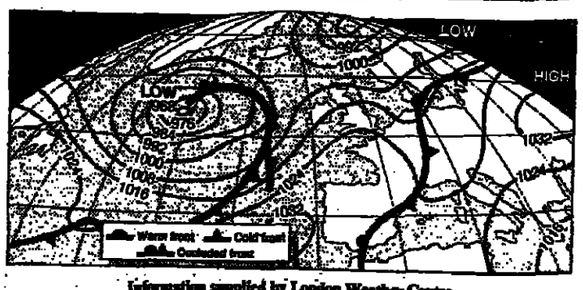
Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 95 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.4 millibars, rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | c | 5 | 41 | Guernsey | f | 9 | 48 |
| B'ingham | s | 6 | 43 | Inverness | c | 4 | 39 |
| Blackpool | s | 7 | 45 | Jersey | c | 9 | 48 |
| Bristol | f | 8 | 46 | London | s | 9 | 48 |
| Cardiff | f | 8 | 46 | M'chester | s | 7 | 45 |
| Edinburgh | s | 6 | 43 | Newcastle | s | 8 | 46 |
| Glasgow | c | 6 | 43 | R'aldsway | s | 9 | 48 |

### NOON TODAY




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**STOCK MARKET**
(Change on week)

**FT 30 Share**
1424.5 (+51.2)

**FT-SE 100**
1773.4 (+60.7)

**Bargains**
30088 (15800)

**USM (Datastream)**
145.33 (+8.64)

**THE POUND**
(Change on week)

**US dollar**
1.8045 (–0.0805)

**W German mark**
2.9792 (+0.0179)

**Trade-weighted**
75.3 (–0.5)

# SE braced for fresh falls

## London expected to follow Tokyo and US

By Alison Eadie and Bailey Morris

The London stock market will open this morning braced for further falls after Friday's 140.58-point plunge by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York. The drop was the third largest one-day decline in the history of Wall Street.

Dealers said yesterday that London would take its cue from Tokyo, but that the falls in both centres were expected to be less dramatic than that on Wall Street.

London's recovery from the low point reached after the October crash has not been as marked as that in New York, leaving less scope for new falls. The Dow Jones had recovered nearly 18 per cent before Friday's trading, while the FT-SE 100 index closed on Friday at 1,773.4, about 13 per cent up from its low.

Mr John Phelan, the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, said yesterday that, given the enormous power of a handful of institutional investors, there was no guarantee that there would not be another market crash.

"I am not confident it will not happen again," he said. "We do not have everything in place to protect the public."

In addition, controversy has grown over the findings of a presidential commission that a small group of big institutional investors, estimated at 12 to 15 companies, was largely responsible for the stock market crash on Black Monday. Using sophisticated new technology to generate enormous sell orders, five institutions were able to generate more than $5 billion in sell orders on October 19.

"If from 12 to 15 companies can do that, representing only a handful of the big institutional investors, what happens if 20 to 30 companies try the same thing?" Mr Phelan said.

The exchange chairman joined other top US officials in expressing concern over the protection of small investors, given the findings of the commission. Mr Phelan endorsed the recommendations of the commission, led by Mr Nicholas Brady, a Wall Street investment banker, that significant reforms were necessary to regulate a trading system which has changed dramatically over the past seven years.

The central finding of the report, that a huge concentration of power in a small number of big investors had overwhelmed the 50-year-old US regulatory system, prompted a strong response from Congress.

Mr John Dingell, a leading Democrat who will lead the US House investigation, said yesterday that if the huge volatility continues there could be legislation this year.

"I am convinced that the greed is still there. A computer has no morality and a lot of these investors have no morality," Mr Dingle said. "Given the chance to make a fast profit, I am confident they will do the same thing again."

It was generally agreed, however, that if the market stabilizes and there are no more precipitous drops, the reforms envisioned by the Brady commission will be shelved until after the US presidential elections.

This was largely because there was strong disagreement among the key players over the proposed reforms. The White House has already distanced itself from the recommendations, which also proposed daily minimum trading limits. In addition, Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, has said that he does not want the expanded regulatory role recommended by the commission for the Fed.



## Reforms dominate Chevening agenda

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, left, met Treasury ministers and senior department officials at Chevening, Kent, below, the official residence of the foreign secretary, over the weekend to discuss important aspects of the Budget. (Photograph below by Julian Herbert). Decisions were reached on several issues, including the level of government borrowing and tax cuts for the coming financial year. Tax reforms were high on the agenda. Among the issues discussed were changes to the system of taxing husbands and wives.



# Lawson leaves room for tax cuts

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Weekend talks on the Budget between the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and his senior advisers at Chevening, Kent, ended yesterday with provisional decisions on several key issues.

Government borrowing has been set at a conservative level for 1988-89, but that still leaves room for tax cuts.

Among the tax options discussed was the reform of personal taxation, including changes to the higher rates and to the taxation of husband and wife.

Mr Lawson was forced at the Conservative Party conference last October to promise action on the reform of allowances for married couples, despite the lack of support for his own preferred option of full transferability between husband and wife.

Changes in the higher rates of income tax depend partly on devising a scale of rates and thresholds which will not lead to unacceptably large gains for tax payers in any particular band of income. The political difficulties of cutting higher rates have been reduced by rate cuts elsewhere, especially in the United States.

The aim on the basic rate is to bring it down to the long-standing target, set by Sir Geoffrey Howe when he was Chancellor, of 25p in the pound. Whether this will be possible depends on how much scope is indicated once the Budget forecast of the economy is completed next month.

Also discussed at Chevening were ways of underpinning industry's competitiveness, which has been harmed by the fall in the dollar. One option is to reduce the burden of employers' National Insurance contributions on which the top rate is 10.45 per cent on all earnings above £150 a week.

On indirect taxes and the taxation of savings, many options have been ruled out by Government pledges. Mrs Thatcher has promised not to extend VAT to food, fuel and children's shoes and clothing and has also indicated that mortgage interest relief will not be abolished. The Chancellor said during the last Parliament that he would make no substantial changes to the taxation of savings without preliminary public consultation.

But the Government may be forced to extend VAT to new commercial building in view of the preliminary judgment by the European Court that zero-rating it is illegal. Final judgment is due this month.

The Budget will also contain the usual crop of minor changes.

## Industry's last chance to speak out

Wednesday's meeting of the National Economic Development Council is the only opportunity before the Budget for the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry to discuss the economy in open forum with the Chancellor.

The TUC will press for additional spending on the National Health Service, pensions and child benefit, and will urge the Chancellor not to use the resources at his disposal to cut income tax.

The TUC's package includes £300 million in regional aid, a similar amount for the inner cities, direct help for the unemployed totalling £750 million, and increases in pensions and child benefit.

Mr John Banham, director general of the CBI, is expected to say that industry's prime requirement is that the present environment of a stable pound and relatively low interest rates is not jeopardized.

## US NOTEBOOK

# Fears are focused on Friday's figures

From Maxwell Newton
New York

All eyes are now concentrated on the November US trade deficit figure due out on Friday. The central banks, following their highly successful offensive against the dollar bears last week, are acting and talking as if the figure will be below $14 billion (£7.77 billion). The markets are acting the same way and gave powerful backing to last week's intervention

It is difficult, if not impossible, to find another period of four days to match the size of the dollar's climb last week. Intervention could not have produced such a dramatic result alone. But if the November trade deficit comes out above $14 billion, the credibility of the central banks will be gravely harmed.

Mr Manuel Johnson, vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has publicly forecast a substantial improvement in the November nominal trade deficit. By the beginning of January, the Fed would have had the November estimate to hand. But if the figure comes out above $14 billion, then, after the battering the bears have received, they would never again trust or respect the central banks.

What is more, the credibility of Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, would be gone. He was the one who said the October trade deficit was an "aberration." He did not have to say that. He chose to do so.

A bad figure on Friday would force the central banks to make a retreat that would make Napoleon's march back from Moscow look like a pleasant Sunday outing in the country. Meanwhile, Mr Greenspan has furiously retrieved all the cash that was spilled out in October and November, after stock market crash.

Real (inflation-adjusted) M1 has finished 1987 at the same level as December 1986. This stunning reversal has already precipitated the October stock market collapse and now the reversal of the dollar. Personal consumption spending, in real terms, peaked in August. Domestic motor sales in the December quarter were below the September quarter average.

The continued strong growth of employment, which so depressed the bond market on Friday, reflects the rapid expansion of export volumes and no doubt increased stocks. This latter trend may be reversed early this year, as the Fed's money freeze steamroller, having crushed the stock market and the dollar bears, moves on.

The stability of precious metals prices in the face of the continuing slide of the dollar during 1987 has been of great interest. The Commodity Research Bureau index of precious metals prices peaked at 415 in May. By December it had fallen to 350. Once again, the pervasive influence of the Federal Reserve's year-long policy of freezing money growth is evident. Deflation is the dominant force.

The renewed stock market slide on Friday underlines the persistent assessment by keen-eyed stock market analysts that share prices on an historical basis are far too high. The coming week will present important new information. December retail sales figures may contain what we already know: shoppers started to stay at home after October 19 and are still there; the trade deficit has turned and the stock market has a good deal further to fall.


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# Another nervous week for dollar

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar is set for a nervous week of trading ahead of the release of the United States trade figures on Friday, with dealers and analysts unconvinced that the worst is over for the US currency.

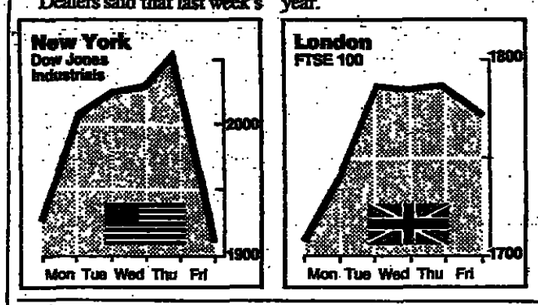
Expectations are that the November data will show a trade deficit of around $15 billion (£8.3 billion), compared with the $17.6 billion October deficit.

Both exports and imports are expected to have declined in November. But the trade deficit is expected to narrow because of the bunching of consumer goods imports in October, so that they reach the shops in time for Christmas.

Dealers said that last week's dollar recovery resulted from concerted central bank intervention, and expectations of an imminent turnaround in the US trade accounts.

But, while some dealers believe that the dollar has passed its worst, the majority think there will be further downward pressure on the US currency. Lloyds Bank, in its *International Financial Outlook*, published today, says that the dollar will fall to Y112 and DM1.43 by the middle of the year, from present levels of Y129 and DM1.65.

The pound is forecast to rise to nearly $2 over the next three months, before falling back to $1.85 by the end of the year.




# 'Share cheat' prosecutions

By Lawrence Lever

A new wave of prosecutions for making multiple share issue applications will begin this week, when several people will appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in connection with the TSB issue.

Further cases are expected next week, when charges relating to the Britoil and British Gas share issues will be heard. One of the defendants is believed to be a solicitor.

The charges are part of the new drive by the Fraud Squad to bring share cheats to justice. It has been pleased with its success to date, claiming a 100 per cent record on all prosecutions for multiple applications.

The new cases will include, for the first time, an instance of a person being charged for using a series of companies to make multiple applications. One of the defendants is alleged to have incorporated several companies with different names and used them to apply separately for shares in the same share issue.

Meanwhile, Ernst & Whinney, the accountants responsible for vetting applications for shares in the ill-fated BP share issue, have sent a draft report on the issue to the Treasury.

# Dee appoints new bankers

By Our City Staff

Dee Corporation, the Gateway supermarkets group, has appointed new bankers to replace the gap left by Citicorp, which was dismissed last week.

The Bank of New York will handle Dee's American Depository Receipts (ADRs), Bankers Trust will become principal paying and conversion agent for the £66 million convertible bonds and National Westminster the principal paying and issue agent on Dee's £200 million commercial paper programme.

Citicorp was dismissed for lead financing the £2 billion bid for Dee from Barker & Dobson. Citicorp had previously proposed a management buyout of Dee to its chairman Mr Alec Monk.

The B&D offer reaches its first closing date today and on Wednesday goes to shareholders for approval. Dee has warned B&D shareholders against approving the highly leveraged bid, but Mr John Fletcher, B&D chairman, yesterday said he was confident

# BP could try shares alternative

By Our City Staff

British Petroleum's offer document for Britoil, due out by Friday at the latest, could include a share alternative to the present 450p cash per share bid. The matter is under review by BP and its advisers.

BP is eager to press ahead with its bid, despite the Government's controlling golden share. Reports that Britoil might be prepared to compromise over the golden share by agreeing to see it expire at the end of this year were denied yesterday. A spokesman said: "We have always said we wanted two to three years' notice of expiry. There is no change on that."

Britoil also stressed yesterday that it would prefer to maintain its independence rather than succumb at the values presently on offer. It feels the BP offer price and the price at which Atlantic Richfield (Arco), the US oil company, has been buying shares, undervalue it.

BP currently holds 29.9 per cent of Britoil and Arco has close to 23 per cent. Arco's initial proposal, which was welcomed by the Britoil board, was to buy 49 per cent.

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# Touche to divide up trust

By Our City Staff

Touche Remnant, the investment trust group, has proposed splitting TR Technology Investment Trust into three separate investment vehicles.

These are an investment trust taking 45 per cent of the assets, a unit trust taking 28 per cent and a new fund taking 27 per cent to represent the 27 per cent stake held by Firmandale Investments.

The proposals, which shareholders will receive today, are in response to plans devised by Firmandale, which is advised by Berkeley Govett. Firmandale's 27 per cent stake in TR Technology has been frozen by the courts since mid-December due to inadequate disclosure of ultimate ownership.

Sir Anthony Touche, chairman of TR Technology, said the proposals were in the best interests of shareholders and resolved the problems caused by the apparently conflicting interests of Firmandale.

Berkeley Govett's proposals, put to TR Technology last October, were dismissed by Touche because they gave increased emphasis to unquoted investments and a significant proportion of high-yielding debt or junk bonds. They also planned to change the management of a substantial proportion of TR Technology's assets from Touche to Berkeley Govett, entailing a big increase in management charges, Touche said.

Touche's proposals, framed as an ordinary resolution, will go to an extraordinary meeting of shareholders on January 29. If approved, the reconstruction plan will then become part of a special resolution requiring 75 per cent shareholder approval. Firmandale's agreement will, therefore, have to be secured.

**USM REVIEW**

# Rockwood takes over at the top

By Carol Leonard

Rockwood Holdings, the electronic components distributor, has made a bright start to 1988, dislodging Parkway, the advertising services group, from number one spot in Deloitte Haskins & Sells' Unlisted Securities Market ratings.

This is the fifth time the ratings have been issued since they were introduced last September. Deloitte says the latest table, which covers December, saw the DataStream USM Index rally by 7 per cent, although the share prices of many of the leading companies featuring in the survey showed little change.

Under Deloitte's system of marking, Rockwood nipped into top spot by the narrowest of margins — 257 points, compared with the 255 points achieved by Parkway. They were closely followed by Misys, the computer systems specialist, on 239 points, Hawthorn Leslie, which reversed in Adam Leisure last year, on 212 points, and Regina Health & Beauty on 200. All these have featured regularly in the ratings.

The stock market crash in October has left its mark on the league table. Deloitte points out that the company in 10th position in September enjoyed a rating of 362 points, and was still a long way behind the ninth-placed, which enjoyed a heady rating of 614 points. On that basis Rockwood would not have made it into the top 10.

Companies are included in Deloittes' rating once they have been on the USM for at least three months, so as to to exclude any sharp movements that often occur in the share price immediately after flotation. Companies are automatically deleted from the ratings after they have been on the USM for more than a year.

Third Market newcomer Propeller, floated off from fellow Third Market member Corton Beach by stockbroker Heseltine Moss in November last year, has taken an important strategic step by recruiting a senior designer from Next.

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Miss Caroline Horner, aged 35, who worked at the Krizia fashion house, in Milan, Stirling Cooper, Wallis and French Connection before moving to Next two years ago, specialises in knitwear design — sweatshirt clothes as well as woollens — and will add a third clothing division to Propeller's range.

As the company's new knitwear design director — she started work there last week — she will compliment its existing management team, comprising Mr Tony Dabbs, the chief executive, who specialises in shirts, and Mr Billy Chadderton whose forte is sweatshirts and T-shirts.

"It means that Propeller will now be branching out into knitwear," Miss Horner said. "It's very exciting, especially after coming from an enormous company like Next where I was just a cog in the wheel."

Propeller, in London's Great Portland Street, designs, manufactures and distributes clothes for GUS, the mail order group, C & A, Debenhams, Top Shop and Top Man.

Its shares were placed at 45p each when it made its stock market debut, barely a month after the crash, capitalizing it at £5.6 million. The shares now stand at 38p each.

Mr Mike Keen, the chairman of Corton Beach, is also chairman of Propeller, a company he salvaged from Tern, another of his takeover conquests.

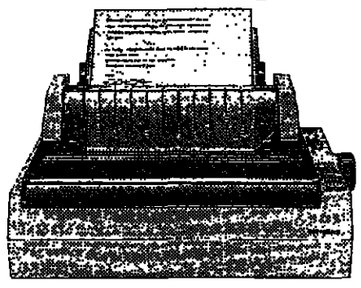
Propeller's profits for 1987, due to be announced shortly, should comfortably satisfy its £400,000 forecast, and followers in the City are looking for pre-tax profits of at least £500,000 in 1988 and as much as £750,000 the following year.

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ANALYSIS

# Guide to the oil assets maze

**By coincidence, both Tricentrol and Britoil have employed ERC, the energy resource consultants, to prepare asset values for use as ammunition against their respective unwelcome bidders. Elf Aquitaine has offered £135 million for Tricentrol and BP £2.3 billion for Britoil. If the opening bids are anything to go by, Britoil is 16 times the size of Tricentrol. But for once shareholders will be in a better position than usual to assess the fairness or otherwise of the two bids.**




Beauty, as they say, is in the eye of the beholder. Never was a statement more true than when it comes to valuing oil and gas assets.

The mechanics of such valuations are reasonably straightforward. Essentially, a forecast of annual cash flows from oil and gas production is made. The cash flows are then discounted to allow for inflation and the time factor, to give a present value of future cash flows.

The trouble is, so many assumptions have to be made, that what appears to be a scientifically calculated and entirely objective present value can, in reality, be very subjective.

Take oil prices, for instance. Cash flow projections have to be made well beyond the year 2000. Yet analysts sometimes have difficulty in forecasting what the dollar oil price and the pound/dollar exchange rate are going to be next week, never mind in the next century.

The question of how much oil or gas will ultimately be produced is a little easier. The North Sea has been generous to those who have laboured to find oil in its waters and most fields will produce considerably more than was first thought. The timing of production has often been crucial to project economics, but over the years, the industry has become better at bringing new fields on stream on time.

Having created a production profile, put in the oil price and exchange rate assumptions and calculated royalties and tax, the resultant cash flow stream has to be discounted to produce a present value.

The choice of a discount rate is one of the most contentious issues in asset evaluation. The range used by stockbrokers' analysts and oil companies appears to be between 10 per cent and 15 per cent in nominal terms. These rates are reviewed regularly, particularly to take account of movements in interest rates and inflation. With inflation at around 5 per cent, the real discount factor works out at between 5 and 10 per cent.

The choice of discount factor will be particularly important in Tricentrol's case. This is because the greater part of its value, possibly as much as 75 per cent, is locked up in assets which will not produce at peak until the 1990s. Wytch Farm, its most valuable asset, will not build up to peak output until 1990, while none of its four potentially commercial gas discoveries even has a gas contract yet.

The further the cash flow extends into the future, the worse the impact of an unduly high discount factor. Mr Roger Aylard, oil analyst at Chase Securities, believes that it is fairer to companies like Tricentrol to use stringent assumptions on oil prices and the production profile and employ a less penal discount factor. "A high discount rate murders long-term projects," he says. He uses a 7 per cent real rate, to produce a fully taxed asset value for Tricentrol of between 90p and 125p a share. On the same basis, Britoil is worth 305p to 347p a share.

The Tricentrol estimate incorporates a £2 million (2p a share) reduction for the famous Opman royalty, which those with long memories will remember as being a 2.5 per cent royalty payable on the Thistle and Don oilfields to Opman International, originally a family company of Tricentrol's chairman and chief executive, Mr James Longcroft. However, both estimates exclude unexplored acreage.

Ultimately, a North Sea block is only as valuable as the oil or gas found in it, making the valuation of unexplored acreage another highly contentious area. But until it is drilled, it has speculative and strategic value, depending on, among other things, how close it is to a pipeline or other finds, the depth of the water, and whether it is more likely to produce oil or gas — oil being preferable since gas developments have to wait until British Gas needs to buy more gas.

Tricentrol has a modest spread of blocks, of which the most valuable is the acreage around Wytch Farm. Analysts reckon its acreage is worth between 15p and 20p a share.

Britoil, which is chaired by Sir Philip Shelbourne, on the other hand, has one of the biggest spreads of explored and semi-explored acreage in the North Sea. In its previous guise as the British National Oil Company, it was regularly awarded acreage on a preferential basis, and it kept it all when it was privatized. It therefore has a much larger than usual share of hidden attractions.

Many analysts also include what is known as "tax upside" when calculating asset values on the grounds that exploration drilling can be offset against both corporation tax and petroleum revenue tax (PRT). Where an oil company has more wells to drill than it has income to provide tax shelter, it is disadvantaged. Each dollar of exploration will cost it the full 100 cents, while its competitors may only be paying 15 cents after full tax relief.

It was this sort of calculation which led to the scramble by the smaller oil companies to buy Forties oilfield units from BP. They were willing to share the tax shelter with BP by paying BP a price which was somewhat above the fully taxed present value of the oil. BP was unable to drill enough wells to gain full tax relief anyway, so the transaction was to the mutual benefit of everyone except the Treasury.

Since then, of course, the oil price has slumped and purchasers of Forties units have lost out, not just in the value of the oil and tax relief they bought, but also because there are also now significantly fewer good drilling prospects around. Tricentrol on its own is approximately in balance on PRT and there is therefore no immediate tax advantage to be gained by a purchaser with drilling obligations and too little taxed income, like Elf.

In the 1990s, however, the tax position could be a consideration, but basing a major purchase on possible tax shelter in the 1990s looks risky. It is too easy to assume that the oil price will have recovered by then. It may not, and oil companies will be unwilling to spend money on unattractive drilling prospects just to gain the tax relief.

Then there is the political risk. There have been so many changes to oil taxes in the last eight or more years that no one can be bothered to count them, and that is without there having been any change in the complexion of the government. The next election, due in the early 1990s, adds uncertainty.

The ERC reports may prove that Elf is offering a fuller price for Tricentrol than BP is for Britoil. We shall have to wait and see.

But what does seem clear is that far from protecting Britoil from a bid, the golden share made it much more vulnerable by artificially depressing the share price.

The institutions have been glad to sell out to BP and its rival Atlantic Richfield at what look like attractive prices versus the market, especially given the uncertainty over the golden share. This has left mainly private shareholders as the guardians of the 48 per cent or so BP and Arco do not already own.

Private investors lost out when the Britoil privatization flopped. The golden share has ensured that they have never seen full value for their shares. It would be a shame if they were to lose out again.

Alas, the battle already looks very one-sided.

**Carol Ferguson**

GILT-EDGED

# Persuasive reasons to leave rates as they are

The Governor of the Bank of England's comments last Thursday really threw the cat among the pigeons as far as interest rate sentiment is concerned.

The gilt market took reports of his speech badly, bracing itself for an imminent rise in interest rates. And though there was a measure of relief on Friday when the Bank, supplying a large money market shortage, left its dealing rates unchanged, the fear that the next move in base rates will be up is now firmly embedded in market thinking.

Plainly, nothing will be done this side of Wednesday's auction, but apprehension that a rise will follow the auction will overhang gilts.

There is a whole clutch of powerful considerations arguing that the next move in rates will be upwards, viz, the economy is set to keep growing strongly; wage settlements, rising last year, are likely to remain on an uptrend; the equity market is well over the worst and set to keep recovering; the balance of payments is set to move further into deficit; and, finally, there is the official desire to keep a strong exchange rate in place to hold inflation in check.

Furthermore it is important to bear in mind that last autumn's reduction of base rates was prompted largely by equity market weakness, and by the fear that the real economy would be badly damaged by the stock market collapse and also by the need to stabilize the dollar: in essence, it was a "crisis" response, and thus eminently reversible if the crisis is seen to have passed.

Mr Lawson has become a devotee of monetary "fine-tuning." And if the economy really has come through the crash unscathed, as is looking increasingly the case, then he is likely to feel happier with interest rates in the 9-10 per cent range that they previously occupied.

But if the next move in interest rates is to be an upward one, there is the acute question of timing. At present there are several persuasive reasons why rates will be left where they are for now.

A rise in British base rates would be regarded as unhelpful internationally at a time when so much effort is being directed towards stabilizing the dollar. The last half-point cut was undertaken primarily for "internationalist" reasons, as part of a Europe-wide co-ordinated move.

And Mr Lawson will want still to show willing on the international co-operation front. Come the crunch, of course, domestic considerations will rule the roost in determining interest rate policy. For the time being, however, such domestic considerations are unlikely to be judged sufficiently powerful.

In this regard, it is worth emphasizing that there is still very little post-crash economic data and certainly none extending beyond the end of last year. Mr Lawson is surely likely to want to have some idea of how the economy has fared in the new year before raising rates.

Also, the pound is pretty robust at present with the key £/DM rate not far below the DM3 "ceiling." In these circumstances, any rise in interest rates might cause the "ceiling" to be challenged once more and would necessitate renewed intervention.

But if an interest rate rise is not yet imminent, when might it come? If the economy *does* keep growing strongly in the first quarter, then an unexpectedly poor trade figure could hit the pound and thereby furnish a window of opportunity on the exchange rate front for a monetary tightening.

On the other hand, higher rates might be delayed until after the Budget. If this does indeed transpire to be an expansionist tax-cutting one, then higher interest rates may be needed actually to *support* the pound should the foreign exchange market, taking on board a worse current account outlook and scenting a possible incompatibility in the Government's policy, decide to put the currency to the test.

The last of the three experimental auctions of gilt-edged stock takes place on Wednesday and then the Bank of England will have to decide whether they will become a regular part of the funding process. It could be a finely balanced decision.

One of the main benefits of holding auctions in addition to the traditional tender and tap system is that part of the funding programme would be put on a regular footing. This would no doubt have been desirable when funding was high, but is less obviously of value when the PSBR is very close to zero.

It was also thought that auctions would be necessary in the brave new post-Big Bang world because the old — idiosyncratic — funding methods would not be able to cope. One of the surprises of the new market is how well the old funding methods have worked. The Bank has managed to handle fairly the demands of the 24 market-makers when taps come to be sold and an increasing proportion of gilts sales has been via taplets — small issues of existing stocks.

These taplets are a particularly subtle means of funding that enables the Bank of England to continue to exert a degree of influence over the market. The auctions, by contrast, are very far from subtle and deny the Bank any influence at all.

One reflection of this is that auctions may have increased the cost of funding. Under the tender system, if there is insufficient demand for a stock at a given price then the Bank withholds some of the stock. It may eventually have to sell it at a lower price, but it has a sporting chance of getting a higher price for it later.

With the auction, where there is no reserve, the price has to fall to a level which ensures that the entire issue is sold. The result is that all the stock is sold — but at a cost. The Bank has said it regarded the last auction in October as a success, but it was touch and go. It should have come as no surprise that the gilt market reacted nervously to the auction announcement.

However, it has always been thought that one benefit of auctions would be that it encouraged participation by overseas investors. We will find out whether this is true on Wednesday — the stock to be auctioned is in the 10-year area generally favoured by overseas buyers. Their participation might be just what is needed to convince the Bank that auctions should stay.

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 75.3 (day's range 75.2-75.4).**

### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for January 8

| | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.7935-1.8065 | 1.8040-1.8050 | 0.28-0.25pr | 0.79-0.74pr |
| Montrl | 2.3073-2.3241 | 2.3181-2.3212 | 0.09pr-0.01d | 0.27-0.16pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.3473-3.3582 | 3.3478-3.3514 | 1⅝-1¼pr | 3⅝-3¼pr |
| Brussels | 62.28-62.72 | 62.27-62.43 | 13-10pr | 40-35pr |
| Copnhgn | 11.4407-11.5089 | 11.4482-11.4808 | ¼-⅜dis | ⅝-1⅛dis |
| Dublin | 1.1198-1.1249 | 1.1222-1.1233 | 13-7pr | 10-5pr |
| Frankft | 2.9764-2.9900 | 2.9784-2.9837 | 1⅝-1¼pr | 4⅜-4pr |
| Lisbon | 241.23-244.76 | 242.84-244.56 | 100-161dis | 296-389dis |
| Madrid | 202.59-204.32 | 202.59-203.24 | 69-60dis | 135-192dis |
| Milan | 2189.15-2200.32 | 2189.15-2198.99 | 1-5dis | 6-13dis |
| Oslo | 11.4301-11.4780 | 11.4301-11.4545 | 4⅝-5¼dis | 15¼-16¾ |
| Paris | 10.0537-10.0990 | 10.0537-10.0773 | ½-⅜pr | ⅞-¾pr |
| Stockhm | 10.7431-10.8029 | 10.7591-10.7740 | ⅝-½pr | ⅛pr-¼dis |
| Tokyo | 282.80-284.07 | 283.26-283.66 | 1⅝-1pr | 2¾-2½pr |
| Vienna | 20.95-21.03 | 20.95-20.98 | 9¼-8¾pr | 24¼-22¾pr |
| Zurich | 2.4547-2.4658 | 2.4584-2.4604 | 1⅝-1¼pr | 3⅝-3¼pr |

Premium = pr. Discount = dis.

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 0.4799-0.5769 |
| Australia dollar | 2.5589-2.5602 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5745-0.5785 |
| Brazil cruzado* | 133.701-133.444 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.8600-0.8100 |
| Finland markka | 7.2660-7.3250 |
| Greece drachma | 236.00-238.00 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 14.0410-14.0453 |
| India rupee | 23.41-23.61 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4910-0.4960 |
| Malaysia dollar | 4.5784-4.5857 |
| Mexico peso | 33.80-40.60 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.8051-2.8199 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 6.7150-6.7550 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.8778-3.8835 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 5.5906-5.5819 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 3.5641-3.5632 |
| U A E dirham | 6.5700-6.6100 |

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.8095-1.8050 | Denmark | 6.9690-6.9570 | Italy | 1214.0-1216.0 |
| Singapore | 2.0570-2.0590 | W Germany | 1.6620-1.6630 | Belgium (Com) | 34.60-34.65 |
| Malaysia | 2.5350-2.5370 | Switzerland | 1.3500-1.3518 | Hong Kong | 7.7770-7.7790 |
| Australia | 0.7660-0.7665 | Netherlands | 1.8565-1.8578 | Portugal | 138.40-138.80 |
| Canada | 1.2855-1.2860 | France | 5.6900-5.6850 | Spain | 112.45-112.85 |
| Sweden | 6.9770-6.9820 | Japan | 129.30-129.40 | Austria | 11.60-11.62 |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

## MONEY MARKETS

**Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9**
**Discount Market Loans %**
**Overnight High: 8⅝ Low 7¼ Week fixed: 8¼**

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**
Buying: 2 mth — 8⅛; 3 mth — 8⅛
Selling: 2 mth — 8⅛; 3 mth — 8⅛

**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)**
1 mth: 9⅛-8⅝ 2 mth: 9⅛-9 3 mth: 8⅞-8⅝
6 mth 9-8¾

**Trade Bills (Discount %)**
1 mth: 9⅛ 2 mth: 9⅛ 3 mth: 9⅛
6 mth 9¾

**Interbank (%). Overnight: open 7¼ close 6¾**
1 week: 8-7⅛ 1 mth: 8¾-8¼ 3 mth: 9¼-9⅛
6 mth: 9⅜-9¼ 9 mth: 9⅜-9⅛ 12 mth: 9¼-9

**Local Authority Deposits (%)**
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 8¾ 1 mth: 8¾
3 mth: 9 6 mth: 9¼ 12 mth: 9¾

**Local Authority Bonds (%)**
1 mth: 8⅛-8⅜ 2 mth: 8¼-8¼ 3 mth: 8⅜-8⅛
6 mth: 8¼-7⅞ 9 mth: 9¼-9¼ 12 mth: 9¼-9¼

**Sterling CDs (%)**
1 mth: 8⅛-9⅛ 3 mth: 9⅛-8¼ 6 mth: 9⅜-9⅛
12 mth: 9⅜-9⅛

**Dollar CDs (%)**
1 mth: 7.15-7.10 3 mth: 7.25-7.20 6 mth: 7.45-7.40
12 mth: 7.75-7.70

### EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: Call: 6¼-6⅛ | 6⅜-6⅛ | 7-6⅞ | 7⅛-7 | 7⅛-7 |
| Deutschemark: Call: 3¼-2¾ | 3¼-3⅛ | 3⅜-3⅛ | 3⅜-3⅛ | 3⅜-3⅛ |
| French Franc: Call: 8¼-7¼ | 8⅜-8⅛ | 8¼-8⅛ | 8¼-8⅛ | 9⅛-8 |
| Swiss Franc: Call: 1¼-¾ | 1¼-1 | 2¼-2¼ | 2¾-2¾ | 3⅜-3⅛ |
| Yen: Call: 3¼-2¼ | 3¼-3⅛ | 4-3⅞ | 4⅛-4 | 4¼-4⅛ |

### TREASURY BILLS

Applied: £412.1m — allotted: £100m
Bids: £97.915m — received: 51%
Last week: £94.845m — received: 51%
Avge rate: £8.3677% — last wk £8.2080% replace £100m
Next week: £100m

## BOARD MEETINGS

**TODAY — Interims:** Ailsa Investment Trust, Carico Engineering, Ellis & Everard, Northumbrian Fine Foods, Wyko Group, Zetters Group. **Finals:** Appletree, Body Shop International, Cauldron Group, Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust, London Scottish Finance Corporation, Robert H Lowe, Sturge Holdings, FH Tomkins,
**TOMORROW — Interims:** Cray Electronics Holdings, First Security, Fleming Overseas Investment Trust, Gnome Photographic Products, Markheath Securities, Reliance Security, Trent Holdings, Westpool Investment Trust. **Finals:** Berkeley Govett & Co, Countryside Properties, London & Clydeside, Oakwood, Television South.
**WEDNESDAY — Interims:** Sidney C Banks, Bespak, Cranbrook Electronic, Dixons, Multitone Electronics. **Finals:** Greenwich Resources, M&G Dual Trust, Southern Business Group.
**THURSDAY — Interims:** CAP, Courts (Furnishers), Howden, Jones Stroud, Parkfield, Ross Consumer Electrics, Stead & Simpson, Symonds Engineering, West Industries. **Finals:** Neotronics Technology, RCO Holdings.
**FRIDAY — Interims:** Goode Durrant, Wigfalls. **Finals:** Jersey Electricity, TSB Group (amended).

## APPOINTMENTS

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank: Mr Ranjit Mathrani and Mr Jonathan Pearson become directors. Mr Lee Palmer becomes an assistant director.

British Linen Bank: Mr Alan Murray and Mr Peter Burt join the board.

County NatWest: Mr Martin Clarke, Mr Colin Kaye and Mr Stephen Moore become directors.

NDL International: Mr George Antonios joins the board as systems director and becomes managing director of NDL Database Systems.

Burson-Marsteller: Mr James Dowling becomes chief executive officer.

GEC Measurements: Mr David Buckless is made sales director.

## BASE LENDING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN | 8.50% |
| Adam & Company | 8.50% |
| BCCI | 8.50% |
| Consolidated Crds | 8.50% |
| Co-operative Bank | 8.50% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 8.50% |
| Hong Kong & Shanghai | 8.50% |
| Lloyds Bank | 8.50% |
| Nat Westminster | 8.50% |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 8.50% |
| TSB | 8.50% |
| Citibank NA | 8.50% |

## UNLISTED SECURITIES

| Capitalisation £ | Company | Price last Friday | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7,835,000 | A & M Gp | 13 | .. | .. | .. | 48.1 |
| 17.4m | ASD | 243 | .. | 12.3 | 5.1 | 11.5 |
| 7,484,000 | ATA Selection | 62 | +1 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 23.6 |
| 10.5m | Abbeycrest | 145 | +12 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 21.0 |
| 7,200,000 | Aberdeen Stk Hse | 60 | +2 | 1.54 | 2.7 | .. |
| | Access Satellite | .. | .. | 4.41 | .. | .. |
| 23.9m | Acorn Comp | 360 | +1 | .. | .. | 33.6 |
| 9,619,000 | Acsis Jewellery | 70 | -10 | .. | 15.8 | 22.9 |
| 11.8m | Airspring | 195 | +25 | 8.5 | 4.4 | 10.6 |
| 5,863,000 | Ald Restaurants | 98 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 32.8m | Amer Bus Sys | 98 | +10 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 38.9 |
| | Do Wrnts | 30 | +5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 8,094,000 | Anderson | 180 | .. | 4.1 | 3.0 | 14.4 |
| 50.4m | App Holographics | 360 | +19 | .. | .. | .. |
| | Do Wrnts | 330 | +15 | .. | .. | .. |
| 111.6m | Aran Energy | 88 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 27.5m | Ashtead | 405 | +25 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 39.2 |
| 37.3m | Aspen Comms | 388 | +5 | 5.5 | 1.4 | 24.0 |
| 169.7m | Aspray | 303 | +33 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 16.9 |
| 1,869,000 | Assoc Energy | 97 | +5 | .. | .. | .. |
| | Assoc Sec | 75 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 15.5m | Atlas Equipment | 205 | .. | 8.9 | 3.9 | 16.7 |
| 6,731,000 | Automagic | 116 | .. | 8.9 | 7.5 | 18.8 |
| 4,250,000 | BBS Design | 52 | .. | 2.1 | 4.0 | 8.3 |
| 12.5m | BIC | 48 | +3 | 3.0 | 18.5 | 15.0 |
| 4,374,000 | BTS Grp | 250 | .. | 5.5 | 6.8 | 18.1 |
| 12.4m | Beaverco | 190 | +55 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 15.1 |
| 5,605,000 | Bedford (William) | 118 | +1 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 14.1 |
| 47.9m | Bennett & Fountain | 43 | +½ | 1.0 | 2.3 | 21.9 |
| 5,045,000 | Bernard Cnsns | 138 | -2 | .. | .. | 12.8 |
| 7,200,000 | Berry Birch & Noble | 120 | +10 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 13.2 |
| 4,425,000 | Bilston&Battersea | 165 | .. | 2.1 | 2.0 | 14.6 |
| 4,677,000 | Bio Isolates | 288 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 4,580,000 | Blemachinics | 220 | .. | .. | .. | 37.4 |
| 5,224,000 | Blanchards | 78 | .. | 6.2 | 5.2 | 12.2 |
| 45.3m | Blenheim Exhib | 440 | -5 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 36.6 |
| 23.1m | Bluebird Toys | 210 | +5 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 18.4 |
| 9,353,000 | Bondet Laminates | 109 | +3 | 3.1 | .. | .. |
| 4,250,000 | Border TV | 142 | -4 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 10.9 |
| 57.6m | Borland | 117 | +32 | .. | .. | .. |
| 6,642,000 | Brewmaster | 212 | -1 | 11.0 | 3.0 | 78.7 |
| | Britist | 210 | +5 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 134.4 |
| 4,825,000 | Br Bloodstock | 136 | -5 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| 15.1m | Br Island | 84 | +13 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 11.4 |
| 29.5m | Broad St | 87 | .. | 2.6 | 3.0 | 21.9 |
| 53.3m | Brockbank | 405 | +10 | 6.1 | 1.5 | 21.8 |
| 3,760,000 | Brysac (Idenk) | 148 | +7 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 37.9 |
| | Bula Resources | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 29.6m | Burford | 175 | +20 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 33.2 |
| 9,840,000 | CCA Galenos | 100 | .. | 3.8 | 3.8 | 13.9 |
| 33.1m | CCF | 252 | +12 | 3.4 | 1.3 | .. |
| 19.7m | CML Micro | 115 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 14.1m | CPU Coop | 87 | -1 | .. | .. | 72.5 |
| | Calculator Of | 195 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 10.6m | Camptech | 93 | .. | 2.6 | 3.1 | 24.8 |
| 7,450,000 | Cap & Regional | 210 | .. | 9.1 | 0.2 | 48.1 |
| 5,825,000 | Castle Comm | 177 | .. | 5.5 | 3.1 | 12.5 |
| 36.7m | Century Secs | 267 | +17 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 22.4 |
| 16.5m | Chelsea Man | 153 | +3 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 16.0 |
| 872,000 | Chem Metnods | 28 | .. | 3.0 | 10.7 | .. |
| 2,819,000 | City | 84 | .. | .. | .. | 12.6 |
| 14.5m | Clargrove | 178 | +4 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 18.5 |
| 14.3m | Clayvision | 51 | +5 | .. | .. | 48.0 |
| 7,365,000 | Cleaprint | 140 | +15 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 9.2 |
| 14.5m | Clarke Hooper | 130 | +3 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 17.1 |
| 4,451,000 | Clogau Gold | 260 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 48.1m | Cluff Oil Hdgs | 114 | -5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 23.1m | Coated Electrodes | 90 | -10 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 10.8 |
| 21.1m | Cobra Emerald | 67 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 3,778,000 | Colorgraphic | 72 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 16.9m | Colorgraphic | 180 | .. | 1.8 | 1.1 | 18.9 |
| 19.8m | Colourvision | 148 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 11.5m | Co of Designers | 160 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 7,130,000 | Comp Financial | 175 | -5 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 19.2 |
| 2,429,000 | Compsoft | 48 | +3 | .. | .. | 8.0 |
| 8,483,000 | Comt Tem Inns | 41 | +4 | .. | .. | 27.5 |
| 19.1m | Cont Microwave | 200 | +30 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 15.8 |
| 46.7m | Cook (DC) | 183 | +22 | .. | .. | .. |
| 18.4m | Corporate Prop | 90 | +3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | .. |
| 7,938,000 | Cowells | 108 | .. | 4.1 | 3.8 | 13.6 |
| 6,000,000 | Cramphorn | 310 | s +10 | 4.8 | 1.5 | 20.7 |
| 6,000,000 | Cranbrook | 75 | +5 | .. | .. | 19.8 |
| 6,180,000 | Cranswick | 110 | +5 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 10.7 |
| 5,339,000 | Craton Lodge | 90 | .. | 3.4 | 3.7 | 12.9 |
| 7,334,000 | Creighton Lpds | 260 | +15 | 6.9 | 2.7 | 19.1 |
| 4,242,000 | Crown TV Prods | 45 | +2 | .. | .. | 17.0 |
| 11.6m | Davies (DY) | 222 | -3 | 5.5 | 2.5 | 17.5 |
| 8,419,000 | Dean & Bowes | 116 | .. | 4.8 | 4.1 | 19.2 |
| 2,800,000 | De Brez (Andre) | 35 | .. | .. | .. | 37.2 |
| 11.6m | De Morgan | 79 | .. | 2.0 | 2.5 | .. |
| 48.3m | Delfor | 249 | +2 | 8.0 | 1.8 | 22.2 |
| 3,591,000 | Deimar | 51 | +1 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 9.8 |
| 4,729,000 | Denmens Elec | 110 | +10 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 8.5 |
| 52.7m | Dewey Warren | 202 | -1 | .. | .. | 8.9 |
| 10.7m | Dialome | 29 | .. | 4.1 | 13.9 | 15.3 |
| 20.4m | Dolphin Packaging | 105 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 26.5m | Druck | 155 | +5 | 7.1 | 1.7 | 17.1 |
| 6,426,000 | Durron | 33 | .. | 0.7 | 2.1 | 20.8 |
| 6,053,000 | Eadie | 60 | .. | 4.9 | 8.2 | 13.2 |
| 7,253,000 | Ealing Elect Optics | 99 | +4 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 8.8 |
| | Ecotinc | 73 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 15.1m | Econ Forestry | 108 | +5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 12.7 |
| 3,999,000 | Edn Oil & Gas | 138 | .. | .. | .. | 75.0 |
| 25.5m | Eldridge Pope 'A' | 330 | .. | 10.5 | 3.2 | 12.3 |
| 13.5m | Electron House | 123 | +10 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 66.7 |
| 8,107,000 | Entertainment Prod | 19 | .. | .. | .. | 6.5 |
| 20.2m | Epwin | 141 | +5 | 3.6 | 2.6 | .. |
| 11.8m | Eve Construction | 125 | .. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 9.5 |
| 28.6m | Exploture Hldgs | 30 | +10½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 7,803,000 | F & H Group | 83 | +5 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 15.5 |
| 5,955,000 | Fgreway London | 75 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 5,169,000 | Feedback | 72 | +3 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 19.4 |
| 5,324,000 | Fergusbrook | 21 | .. | .. | .. | 1.7 |
| 190.5m | Fields (Hrts) | 127 | -1½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 14.7m | Filotax | 103 | .. | 5.7 | 5.5 | .. |
| 15.9m | Fletcher Dennys | 53 | -5 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 7.9 |
| 8,684,000 | Flentech | 41 | .. | .. | .. | 7.2 |
| 32.3m | Flogas | 195 | .. | 5.0 | 2.7 | 10.7 |
| 18.3m | Floyd Oil | 31 | .. | .. | .. | 12.7 |
| 59.5m | Ford Manin | 152 | +2 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 13.1 |
| 13.0m | Forward Gp | 180 | .. | 3.0 | 1.7 | 22.3 |
| 24.0m | French Conn | 152 | +2 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 13.1 |
| 82.1m | Freshdelta | 92 | +2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 14.7 |
| 58.2m | Fuller Smith 'A' | 84 | .. | 7.5 | 1.5 | 18.7 |
| 7,165,000 | GC Flooring | 78 | .. | 2.7 | 3.8 | 14.1 |
| 17.9m | Gabbicci | 131 | .. | 4.5 | 3.4 | 11.4 |
| 8,349,000 | Gee (Cecil) | 33 | +12 | 1.4 | 1.5 | .. |
| 4,600,000 | Gibbon Lyons | 115 | .. | 5.7 | 5.0 | 14.1 |
| 11.2m | Gibbs Hire | 203 | .. | 5.5 | 2.7 | 18.3 |
| 2,840,000 | Global Gp | 74 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 8,095,000 | Godwin Warren | 128 | +5 | 4.1 | 6.8 | 9.4 |
| 19.0m | Goodhead Print | 156 | .. | 5.1 | 3.3 | 17.6 |
| 11.2m | Graham Motor Gp | 107 | +4 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 12.3 |
| 11.6m | Grampia Surface | 88 | .. | 2.6 | 3.0 | 12.8 |
| 21.5m | Great Southern | 222 | +4 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 18.5 |
| 15.0m | Green (Ernest) | 203 | .. | 6.5 | 3.2 | 14.7 |
| 1,660,000 | Greenwich Cable | 38 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 10.7m | Guiddhouse | 88 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 14.1m | Halls Homes | 135 | -5 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 20.5 |
| 7,585,000 | Hampden Homecare | 76 | .. | 2.2 | 2.9 | 11.0 |
| 16.1m | Harmony Leisure | 62 | +4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | .. |
| | Hatfield Estates | 111 | +2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | .. |
| 47.0m | Hawtbon Leslie | 30 | +3 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 21.9 |
| 10.7m | Health Care | 61 | -½ | 1.2 | 1.5 | 29.5 |
| 3,718,000 | Heavitree | 776 | .. | 16.6 | 2.2 | 22.9 |
| 7,155,000 | Hemo 'A' LV | 675 | .. | 15.6 | 2.3 | 21.4 |
| 6,118,000 | Hewetson | 168 | .. | 3.7 | 2.6 | 17.4 |
| 9,365,000 | Hey & Croft | 124 | +5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 24.8m | Highland Part | 159 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5,212,000 | Hills Ergonom | 48 | .. | 2.7 | 5.9 | 10.9 |
| 14.0m | Holcrest | 41 | .. | .. | .. | 48.1 |
| 37.3m | Hodgson | 211 | .. | 2.9 | 1.4 | 33.5 |
| 570.4m | Holmes Protection | 103 | +19 | .. | .. | .. |
| 11.2m | Honeysuckle Gp | 138 | +20 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 13.1 |
| 10.8m | Hornby | 138 | +10 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 13.3 |
| 66.5m | Hughes Food | 260 | +7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 31.5 |
| 9,997,000 | Humbrad Elec | 73 | .. | .. | .. | 35.0 |
| 8,551,000 | Hunteigh Tech | 75 | .. | 1.4 | 1.9 | 69.1 |
| 3,596,000 | INSTEM | 84 | .. | 3.4 | 4.3 | 8.7 |
| | Image Storage | 88 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 3,840,000 | Imsc | 24 | .. | .. | .. | 3.0 |
| 2,295,000 | IntraRad | 35 | -4 | .. | .. | .. |
| 13.0m | Intermarque Tech | 220 | .. | 8.9 | 3.4 | 11.2 |
| 77.5m | Inverlink Express | 449 | +5 | 8.0 | 1.8 | 23.5 |
| 18.6m | Israel (Jack L) | 22½ | .. | 0.7 | 3.1 | 23.2 |
| 29.0m | Jacuzzi Vert | 317 | +5 | 8.9 | 3.0 | 15.0 |
| 2,080,000 | Jobserve | 13 | .. | .. | .. | 6.4 |
| 8,455,000 | Johnson Fry | 88 | +4 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 14.5 |
| 12.6m | Johnstones Paints | 120 | .. | 6.6 | 5.4 | 9.6 |
| 9,975,000 | JSB Elec | 150 | +4 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 18.2 |
| 6,450,000 | Just Rubber | 95 | -4 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 14.8 |
| 4,580,000 | Kennedy Secs | 205 | .. | 4.6 | 2.2 | 14.8 |
| 7,032,000 | Kewill Systems | 116 | +3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 14.8 |
| 7,813,000 | Kleirk-Talenk | 49 | .. | 1.8 | 3.7 | 10.8 |
| 7,380,000 | Knobs & Knockers | 90 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 3,795,000 | LPA Ind | 58 | +1 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 9.8 |
| 9,577,000 | Ladbw Thomson | 140 | +3 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 14.9 |
| 17.9m | LRMS Plc | 143 | .. | 4.1 | 2.8 | 22.2 |
| 20.2m | Lawrie | 95 | .. | 3.6 | 4.2 | 11.2 |
| 84.2m | Local Lon Gp | 446 | -5 | 10.9 | 2.2 | 68.1 |
| 8,119,000 | Lodge Care | 118 | .. | 5.5 | 4.7 | 22.4 |
| 5,021,000 | Lon & Clydesdle | 160 | +4 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 8.6 |
| 5,834,000 | Lorica | 140 | +12 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 10.2 |
| 7,876,000 | Lysander Pet | 31 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 6,804,000 | MS Cash & Carry | 91 | -5 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 8.5 |
| 10.4m | MMT Comp | 215 | +15 | 7.5 | 3.5 | 34.4 |
| 8,095,000 | McLaughlin & Har | 205 | +15 | 10.5 | 5.2 | 12.8 |
| 13.2m | Magnetic Materials | 78 | +10 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 10.0 |
| 6,422,000 | Mainwest | 173 | .. | 2.1 | 1.2 | 30.1 |
| 14.2m | March Gp | 120 | +10 | 3.6 | 4.6 | .. |
| | Marcol Gp | 66 | .. | 2.3 | 3.5 | .. |
| 44.4m |

# Graduates in sellers' market 'holding out for higher pay'

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The demand for graduates by business and commerce is becoming so great there are hardly enough to go round. But while universities and polytechnics are producing more graduates than ever before — an estimated 117,000 last year — the number of organizations taking on newly-qualified students is growing and many are stepping up their quotas.

According to the Association of Graduates Careers Advisory Service (AGCAS), the number of employers recruiting qualified students for the first time is increasing. But a survey into the supply and demand, progression and training of degree-holders by Income Data Services (IDS) shows that fewer students are taking up jobs in the first six months after graduation.

Many are delaying job applications until late in the academic year in the knowledge that they operate in a "seller's market". The biggest problem for potential employers is finding engineering, technology, computing (systems and data processing) and finance graduates.

IDS says the growth in demand is borne out by the figures. The 39 companies surveyed on their 1987 and planned 1988 intakes recruited 2,738 graduates between them last year. The same companies intend to take on 3,246 this year — an increase of 18 per cent.

British Airways is increasing its quota from 205 to 300; National Westminster Bank from 154 to 250; BICC from 100 to 170; United Biscuits from 61 to 117; and Allied Dunbar from 18 to 47. Of the private-sector companies IDS contacted, Coopers & Lybrand planned to recruit the largest number of graduates this year — 450.

Salaries for graduates in more than 50 businesses last year ranged widely. At the lowest end, Pearl Assurance offered £7,364 to graduates with a 2:2 or third-class degree; at the highest, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company offered £18,000.

Outside the City, IDS found the top salary on offer was between £10,000 and £12,075. Just under two-thirds of the 50 companies surveyed offered salaries between £8,000 and £9,500 to new graduates; 22 offered between £8,500 and £9,500; 11 (eight in manufacturing) paid between £9,000 and £10,000; and six offered more than £10,000.

IDS says many organizations paid higher recruitment salaries to post-graduates. Metal Box, for example, paid an extra £500 on top of £8,250 to graduates with an MA or MSc, and an extra £700 to those with a PhD. Acorn Computers paid up to £5,000 extra to recruits with a Master's degree and up to £7,000 for a PhD.

However, the survey says the October stock market fall hit many City firms and prospects for graduate recruitment this year are "uncertain".

*Pay and Progression for Graduates*, Income Data Services, 193 St John Street, London EC1V 4LS. Available by subscription.

**SALARY RISES**

| | 1987 (£) | 1988 (£) | % Rise |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bank of Boston | 13,000 | c14,000* | 8 |
| Nthrn Telecom Data Sys | 9,800 | c10,500* | 7 |
| Data Logic | 9,600 | c10,300* | 7 |
| Express Foods | 9,000 | 10,000 | 11 |
| Acorn | 9,000 | c10,000* | 11 |
| NCR | 9,150-10,000 | 9,460-11,000 | 3-11 |
| Courtaulds | 8,900 | 9,400 | 5.6 |
| United Biscuits | 8,500+ | 9,000+ | 6 |
| IMI | 8,500 | 9,000 | 6 |
| Tarmac Roadstone | - | 9,000-9,500 | - |
| Automotive Products | 7,500 | 7,946 | 6 |

* Estimate

# Jaguar breaks sales record

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Jaguar achieved its fourth consecutive year of record sales in 1987 as the company benefited from the first full 12 months of selling the latest XJ6 saloon model. Sales climbed by 14 per cent to 46,612 cars, compared with 40,971 in 1986.

This is in line with Jaguar's target of 10 to 15 per cent annual growth until sales reach 100,000 in the early 1990s. But difficulties in achieving similar gains in productivity held back sales in the United States. When the switch to the new XJ6 model was made last May, it was forecast that US sales would reach 24,000 in 1987, just 500 fewer than the previous year.

However, year-end figures show that sales dropped 6 per cent, to 22,919, despite sales of 2,848 vehicles in December. Sales of the XJS Coupé were a record 5,380 in the US in 1987 and can be expected to rise further this year, following the launch of a convertible model in May.

Sales in Britain were the highest for nine years, 46 per cent up on 1986 at 11,102 registrations. Outside the US and Britain Jaguar sales are modest, but showed strong growth last year. On the Continent sales rose to 6,550 in 1987, a 51 per cent increase.

Registrations in France more than doubled to 1,026. They were up 130 per cent in Italy, to 614, and were 62 per cent higher in The Netherlands.

In the tougher West German market, where competition between Mercedes and BMW is fierce, Jaguar sales improved by 16 per cent, to 2,156 cars, although it is accepted that further improvements to the dealer network are needed. Jaguar sales are better in Canada than in West Germany — in 1987 demand rose by 31 per cent in Canada, with 2,660 cars being sold.

In Japan, Jaguar's most profitable market, the company's new joint venture sales operation pushed up registrations from 464 in 1986, to 530. Japan is one of the best markets for the top-of-the-range Mercedes models. Jaguar aims to sell 3,000 cars a year in Japan by the early 1990s.

**ECONOMIC VIEW**

# Competition signpost for coal at crossroads

Britain's coal industry is again at a crossroads. Next week the National Union of Mineworkers will decide whether Arthur Scargill's gamble on presenting himself for re-election as president is to pay off. All the indications are that he will succeed, and that for largely sentimental reasons the miners will saddle themselves with a profoundly conservative leadership for many more years.

In the 1960s and 1970s this was expensive for the taxpayer, who was forced to subsidize what should have been a big commercial asset, and for the cost structure of British industry which had to buy its electricity at above world prices. But in the short term it did not much hurt the miners. At the end of the 1980s the miners are the ones likely to suffer while the Central Electricity Generating Board switches to cheaper fuel sources.

The catalyst for change is electricity privatization. The CEGB at present buys about 95 per cent of its coal requirements from British Coal, but ministers have made clear that there will be no requirement on private sector companies to take any specified amount of coal from British Coal.

In the short term a privatized electricity industry is unlikely to have much option but to go on taking the bulk of its requirements from British Coal. Successive governments have insisted that the CEGB invest in power stations sited on the country's large coalfields rather than next to deep-water ports where the economics of imports would make more sense. But in future, unless Britain's coal is competitive, a gradual replacement by imports and nuclear capacity is inevitable.

At present the average cost of coal mined in Britain is roughly twice the world spot price at about £40 a tonne. Contract prices for secure supplies would no doubt be considerably higher than the spot price, but the gap is still unacceptably wide. To bring it down requires a high level of investment on which British Coal is spending about £2 million a day at present. This will be most fruitful if it is accompanied by agreement on appropriate manning levels, favoured by many of the area leaders of the NUM. But Mr Scargill's re-election would make agreement a great deal more difficult.

Whichever way the vote goes on January 22 the best way to ensure that proper use is made of new investment is to inject competition into the industry and ultimately to privatize it. Energy ministers are understandably preoccupied with the problems of privatizing the electricity industry, but they should not use that as a reason for neglecting to lay the foundations of greater competition in the coal industry in future.

There have been some improvements. Since the strike, output per man shift has risen by more than 60 per cent, reaching four tonnes for the first time towards the end of last year. According to British Coal, about half the increase can be attributed to new investment and a quarter to closures of the less productive mines. The number of pits has fallen from 169 to 106 and the number of coalfaces from 504 to 284. But despite this, productivity in the admittedly more favourable geological conditions of the US and Australia is still four times as high as in Britain.

It is probably impracticable, even if it were desirable, to sell off British Coal *en bloc* before the end of this Parliament, given the still large subsidy and the preliminary legal hurdles. But the need for a new structure for the industry should not be submerged by the business of selling off electricity. Such progress as can be made should be set in motion and the place to start is with open-cast mining.

At present any private company wanting to mine coal in Britain has to obtain a licence from British Coal — its main competitor. This ludicrous situation has had its counterparts in several other nationalized industries, including, for instance, the licensing of private bus services by London Transport. Ministers have promised to remove some of the existing restrictions on private mines such as the output limit of 50,000 tonnes a year and the maximum of 30 men underground at any one time. They should also transfer the licensing responsibility from British Coal to the Department of Energy.

The other necessary precursor of greater competition is the vesting of the nation's reserves of coal in the Crown. At present all coal is statutorily owned by British Coal. The change of ownership would be largely a technicality while British Coal remained in public ownership but it would be a necessary preliminary to privatization and space should be found for it in the Government's legislative programme.

**Rodney Lord**
*Economics Editor*

# Philips steals a march on GEC

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

A consortium led by Philips Telecommunications looks set to have Britain's latest sector of the mobile communications market to itself at least until the end of February.

Band Three Radio which was launched in October, is aimed at small to medium-sized companies which need a simple way of keeping in contact with their fleets of vehicles, whether working nationally or locally.

It operates on the old 405-line black and white television frequency, with companies joining the network being allotted a private channel enabling them to keep in touch with their fleets for what the operators claim will be a much lower cost than the rival cellular radio network.

In 1986 the Government chose the Philips consortium, which is called Band Three Radio, and GEC Telecommunications to operate two rival networks.

Band Three Radio launched its service in October, covering the South-east, south coast, the Midlands, Yorkshire and the North-west.

However, the GEC Telecommunications network is unlikely to start until the end of next month, leaving its rival unchallenged for at least four months.

This is because GEC has decided to wait until the equipment manufacturers can provide enough sets built to an as-yet unpublished technical standard laid down by the Government.

The Philips consortium, however, decided to accept a government concession to operate on part of this technical standard, allowing it to open up for business well ahead of its rival.

GEC argues that by holding out until all its equipment meets the finalized standard, its customers will have no fears about being geared into one of the networks permanently.



# Bovis acquires Ashby

**Ashby & Horner, London's oldest building company, has been sold to Bovis, the P&O subsidiary, for £10 million. Mr Douglas Thornton, the Ashby president, above left, with Bovis chairman Mr Frank Lampl and one of the company's employees (right), said the deal would give Ashby a better chance to develop further in competitive markets. Founded in 1740, Ashby, which has an annual turnover of more than £45 million, will continue to specialize in smaller building and refurbishing contracts in the City.**

# New CWS Congress president

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Mr Jim Mason, the chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), has been elected president of the next Co-operative Congress, the movement's annual parliament.

It is regarded as the movement's highest honour. He will be installed at the 1988 Congress in Brighton in May.

He comes to office as Britain's co-operative retail societies are continuing their struggle to meet the challenge of rivals such as J Sainsbury.

Mr Mason said that there had been signs of improvement in the fortunes of the movement in 1987 but gave a warning that there was much room for improvement.

# Goods vehicle registrations speed to high of 312,730

By Our Motor Industry Correspondent

Commercial vehicle sales in Britain reached record levels last year, underlining the market's recovery from the recession in the early 1980s.

Buoyant demand pushed registrations to 312,730, 7.4 per cent higher than in 1986. The previous record was in 1979 with 300,565 registrations. One industry forecast indicates sales will remain strong in the first half of 1988, then fall by up to 5 per cent.

British truck manufacturers, mirroring the improvement in the car industry, pushed back imports for the first time in five years. The importers' market share slipped by 1.5 percentage points to 38.1 per cent. However, in the above 3.5 tonne gross vehicle weight (GVW) sector, imports accounted for 40.6 per cent of sales, compared with 38.7 per cent in 1986. Last year, this sector saw a close leadership battle between Iveco Ford and Leyland DAF.

Iveco Ford won with aggressive marketing of the 7.5 tonne GVW cargo vehicle, taking a 22.9 per cent share of the sector, less than 300 registrations ahead of Leyland DAF. The Anglo-Dutch company had the consolation of winning the Truck of the Year Award for its new 95 Series.

While sales of the heavier vehicles rose by 7 per cent in 1987, fourth-placed Volvo pushed up registrations by 33 per cent and Sandbach-based ERF recovered very strongly with sales up 56 per cent.

The Ford Transit did much to trim the overall import penetration in the commercial vehicle market as sales jumped by 15,000 last year to 56,235. While the Transit has a 42 per cent share of the up to 3.5 tonne GVW commercial vehicle sector, second-placed Sherpa managed a modest 12.6 per cent share although Freight Rover production reached a record lev of 20,000. More than 3,00( er-pas were sold last year on the Continent, where they have been marketed as the DAF 400 for the first time.

Demand for utility four-wheel drive vehicles rose by more than 7 per cent to 15,100.


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# Making lists is in

It is a closely argued thing, among those who have time to quibble about such issues, as to whether year-end lists of what's in and what's out say more about the lists' compilers than they do about the latest trends. After all, was Daniel Barenboim tempted to turn in his tuxedo just because Liberace painted himself with glue and rolled around in a bathtub full of diamonds? So what can we learn from *BusinessWeek's* soon-to-be published guide to 1988 U and non-U? Apparently cash is in and leverage is out — which has long been obvious to anyone trying to settle any bill smaller than $400 million. Greed has been replaced by fear, the American magazine says. What's in for management is vision and security, what's out is strategic planning and risk. Lap-top computers are à la mode, mainframes are not, although this might be because many one-time Wall Street wizards no longer have an office to work from. On the social level, *BusinessWeek* predicts that being single is passé and that babies now buy street cred. Forget divorce, have a big formal wedding instead. Trade in your braces for a belt and your Madonna records for some country music. Non-U networking must be replaced by U voluntary work. Now which is the more mind-boggling, the typical *BusinessWeek* reader of 1987 — a divorced, greedy, leverage-crazy mainframe-user who likes sailing close to the wind and twangs his braces to the beat of Madonna — or the reborn 1988 version, the frightened lap-top carrier who craves cash and security, mashes up the baby food to the strains of Tammy Wynette, and spends his free time thinking up new social work projects? You choose.



"We fight this ridiculous bid all the way"

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Teddy struck dumb

**The revival of the humble teddy bear, of the sort that *Brideshead Revisited's* Sebastian Flyte cherished and Harrods sold out of over Christmas, has taken its toll. World of Wonder, the US toymaker which specializes in talking teddies and other hi-tech toys, scored a big hit two years ago with Teddy Ruxpin, the stunningly pricey teddy with a cassette tape in its stomach. Talkative Teddy Ruxpin swept through toy shops and emptied parents' pockets. But now the honey has run out and World of Wonder has filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the US bankruptcy code, with debts of more than $300 million. Teddy Ruxpin refused to comment.**

### Taxing

Anyone who has seen a US tax return knows why even New York's shoeshine boys hire an accountant come April, when the Internal Revenue Service starts drumming its fingers for America's tax returns. Finding accountants in Europe who know their way through the maze of US state and federal taxes and the web of allowable tax deductions is not always easy for those whose incomes do not merit the $200-an-hour devotion of one of Europe's US tax lawyers. But now the IRS, no doubt anxious that some expats might be slipping through the net, is offering tax assistance to American taxpayers living abroad. Roving tax helpers will be available between now and June to answer questions. Pity the IRS has got its show on the road just as so many Americans are being sent home, surplus to the new slimline requirements of Europe's financial capitals.

### Dicing with debt

Former City banker, property developer and convict Trevor Pepperell is busy launching his second board game. Like his first, it does not have a square marked "Go To Jail": the inmates of Wormwood Scrubs and Ford Open Prison would wince if it did. Pepperell, who was sent down for fraud after his London and County Securities became a casualty of the 1970s fringe banking crisis, relied on his fellow inmates to test out his first brainchild, *The Bottom Line*, a board game about gold and property weighted in favour of risk-takers rather than the cautious. Pepperell has been busy inventing games since he left Ford — the prison, not the car-maker — in 1983. His latest is *Lady Luck*. The object is for the players, who begin deep in debt, to gamble their way to a fortune and own all the lottery concessions, clubs, saloons and gaming houses on the board. Again fortune lies with the brave. "The game ends when the bank is broken, which occurs when it has no more cash," the rules say. Sounds much like London and County.

● **US Senator Joseph Biden must surely be challenging Democratic hopeful Gary Hart for *chutzpah* by meeting Neil Kinnock this week. Cruel wags are suggesting that Biden, whose own presidential ambitions buckled after he lifted phrases from the Labour leader's election speeches, might kick off the conversation with: "Stop me if you've heard this one, Neil."**

**Joe Joseph**

## Portfolio Gold

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| 3 | Feedex. Agric (aa) | Industrials E-K | |
| 4 | Young 'A' | Breweries | |
| 5 | Emess | Electricals | |
| 6 | Rea Bros | Banks,Discount | |
| 7 | MY Holdings | Industrials L-R | |
| 8 | Manganese Bronze | Industrials L-R | |
| 9 | Newman Inds | Industrials L-R | |
| 10 | Harland Simon | Electricals | |
| 11 | Geest | Foods | |
| 12 | Auto Sec | Electricals | |
| 13 | Equity & Gen | Banks,Discount | |
| 14 | Brasway | Industrials A-D | |
| 15 | Richardson West | Industrials L-R | |
| 16 | Bus Mortgage | Banks,Discount | |
| 17 | BSR | Electricals | |
| 18 | Hampson Ind | Industrials E-K | |
| 19 | Baggeridge Brick | Building,Roads | |
| 20 | Hayden Mac | Industrials E-K | |
| 21 | Racal Elect (aa) | Electricals | |
| 22 | Invergordon Distl | Breweries | |
| 23 | Folkes Group N/V | Industrials E-K | |
| 24 | Vaux Grp | Breweries | |
| 25 | Raine Ind | Building,Roads | |
| 26 | Utd Biscuits (aa) | Foods | |
| 27 | Ward Hldgs | Building,Roads | |
| 28 | Fenner (JH) | Industrials E-K | |
| 29 | Yule Catto | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 30 | Bellwinch | Building,Roads | |
| 31 | Jourdan (Thomas) | Industrials E-K | |
| 32 | GEC (aa) | Electricals | |
| 33 | Laing (J) | Building,Roads | |
| 34 | AB Food (aa) | Foods | |
| 35 | Barratt Devs | Building,Roads | |
| 36 | Avis Europe | Industrials A-D | |
| 37 | Leigh | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 38 | Blagden | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 39 | Newman Tonks | Building,Roads | |
| 40 | Alexon | Drapery,Stores | |
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### SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1456m | Exch | 10½% | 1988 | 100⅝ | -⅛ | 10.5 |
| 1150m | Treas | C9¼% | 1988 | 100⅛ | -⅛ | 9.7 |
| 1278m | Treas | 3% | 1978-88 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 3.1 |
| 2052m | Treas | 9½% | 1988 | 100⅜ | -⅛ | 9.5 |
| 2295m | Treas | 11¾% | 1989 | 102⅛ | -⅛ | 11.3 |
| 1150m | Treas | 10½% | 1989 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 10.4 |
| 2418m | Exch | 10% | 1989 | 100¾ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 1224m | Exch | 10¼% | 1989 | 102 | -⅛ | 10.0 |
| 2043m | Exch | 11% | 1989 | 102⅜ | -⅛ | 10.8 |
| 572m | Treas | 9% | 1986-89 | 99⅛ | -⅛ | 9.1 |
| 1157m | Treas | C9¼% | 1989 | 100⅜ | -⅛ | 9.5 |
| 476m | Treas | 3% | 1989 | 95¼ | -⅛ | 3.1 |
| 1061m | Treas | 13% | 1990 | 105⅛ | -⅛ | 12.2 |
| 1438m | Exch | 11¾% | 1990 | 102¾ | -⅛ | 10.7 |
| 1327m | Treas | 12¼% | 1990 | 105¾ | -⅛ | 11.3 |
| 502m | Treas | 3% | 1990 | 91¼ | -⅛ | 3.3 |
| 592m | Treas | 8½% | 1987-90 | 98⅝ | -⅛ | 8.4 |
| 1912m | Treas | 10% | 1990 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 9.8 |
| 443m | Conv | 2½% | 1986 | 98½ | -⅛ | 2.8 |
| 1023m | Treas | C10¾% | 1991 | 102¼ | -⅛ | 9.8 |
| 2324m | Treas | 11¾% | 1991 | 105⅜ | -⅛ | 11.1 |
| 371m | Rand | 5¾% | 1987-91 | 92¾ | -⅛ | 6.2 |
| 1652m | Exch | 10% | 1991 | 104¾ | -⅛ | 10.5 |
| 350m | Treas | 3% | 1991 | 87¼ | -⅛ | 3.4 |
| — | Treas | 9% | 1991 | 95⅝ | -⅛ | 8.4 |

### FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 992m | Treas | 12¾% | 1992 | 110⅝ | -⅛ | 11.5 |
| 1317m | Treas | 10% | 1992 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 1333m | Treas | C10½% | 1992 | 103⅛ | -⅛ | 10.2 |
| 419m | Treas | 3% | 1992 | 83⅝ | -⅛ | 3.6 |
| 1045m | Treas | 8% | 1992 | 93⅝ | -⅛ | 8.4 |
| 1475m | Exch | 12½% | 1992 | 109⅛ | -⅛ | 11.2 |
| 2003m | Exch | 13½% | 1992 | 113¼ | -⅛ | 11.9 |
| 1671m | Treas | 10% | 1993 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 1224m | Treas | 12½% | 1993 | 111⅛ | -⅛ | 11.2 |
| 727m | Treas | 14¼% | 1994 | 121⅛ | -⅛ | 12.0 |
| 1731m | Exch | 12½% | 1994 | 111⅜ | -⅛ | 11.2 |
| 1277m | Exch | 13½% | 1994 | 116 | -⅛ | 11.6 |
| 1543m | Treas | 9% | 1994 | 96⅜ | -⅛ | 9.3 |
| 1414m | Treas | 10% | 1994 | 101 | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 2580m | Treas | 12% | 1995 | 109⅛ | -⅛ | 10.9 |
| 172m | Gas | 3% | 1990-95 | 80½ | -⅛ | 3.7 |
| 2135m | Exch | 10¼% | 1995 | 101⅞ | -⅛ | 10.1 |
| 1146m | Treas | 12¼% | 1995 | 114¾ | -⅛ | 11.1 |
| 1086m | Treas | 14% | 1996 | 129⅜ | -⅛ | 11.6 |
| 721m | Treas | 9% | 1998-96 | 96⅛ | -⅛ | 9.4 |
| 1739m | Treas | 15¼% | 1996 | 139½ | -⅛ | 11.5 |
| 942m | Exch | 13¼% | 1996 | 117⅞ | -⅛ | 11.2 |
| 34m | Redmpt | 3% | 1996 | 84½ | -⅛ | 3.6 |
| 1107m | Conv | 10% | 1996 | 99⅝ | -⅛ | 10.0 |
| — | Treas | 4% | 1996 | 45¾ | -⅛ | 29.3 |
| 1777m | Treas | 13¼% | 1997 | 118½ | -⅛ | 11.2 |
| 3177m | Exch | 10¼% | 1997 | 102⅛ | -⅛ | 10.2 |
| 2418m | Treas | 9% | 1997 | 96 | -⅛ | 9.4 |
| 1226m | Treas | 12% | 1997 | 109½ | -⅛ | 11.7 |
| 819m | Treas | 8¾% | 1995-98 | 81¼ | -⅛ | 8.2 |
| 2801m | Exch | 9¾% | 1998 | 98½ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 1498m | Treas | 15½% | 1998 | 133½ | -⅛ | 11.6 |
| 2907m | Treas | 12% | 1998 | 107¾ | -⅛ | 11.2 |
| 1073m | Treas | 9½% | 1999 | 97½ | -⅛ | 9.7 |
| 3308m | Exch | 12¼% | 1999 | 114 | -⅛ | 10.7 |
| 1281m | Treas | 10½% | 1999 | 103¼ | -⅛ | 10.2 |
| 1572m | Conv | 10½% | 1997 | 101⅞ | -⅛ | 10.1 |
| — | Treas | 8½% | 2000 | 90½ | -⅛ | 9.4 |
| 1530m | Treas | 13% | 2000 | 119½ | -⅛ | 10.8 |
| 1320m | Conv | 9% | 2000 | 94 | -⅛ | 9.6 |
| 1354m | Treas | 10% | 2001 | 100¼ | -⅛ | 10.0 |
| 793m | Conv | 9½% | 2001 | 98¼ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 1543m | Treas | 14% | 1998-01 | 123½ | -⅛ | 11.3 |

### OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1218m | Exch | 9% | 2002 | 93⅝ | -⅛ | 9.6 |
| 722m | Conv | 10% | 2002 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 1795m | Exch | 12¾ | 1999-02 | 112⅝ | -⅛ | 10.7 |
| 1435m | Treas | 9% | 2003 | 91⅛ | -⅛ | 9.3 |
| 1013m | Treas | 10% | 2003 | 101¼ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 2244m | Treas | 13¼% | 2000-03 | 124⅝ | -⅛ | 11.0 |
| 2102m | Treas | 11¼% | 2001-04 | 110⅝ | -⅛ | 10.4 |
| 314m | Treas | 4% | 1999 | 84½ | -⅛ | 4.8 |
| 244m | Fund | 3½% | 1999-04 | 55½ | -⅛ | 6.3 |
| 1185m | Conv | 9½% | 2004 | 97½ | -⅛ | 9.7 |
| 1498m | Conv | 9½% | 2005 | 97¾ | -⅛ | 9.7 |
| 1116m | Exch | 10¼% | 2005 | 106⅛ | -⅛ | 9.9 |
| 2654m | Treas | 12¼% | 2003-05 | 120⅝ | -⅛ | 10.4 |
| 1542m | Treas | 9% | 2002-06 | 89⅝ | -⅛ | 9.8 |
| 341m | Conv | 9¾% | 2006 | 100 | -⅛ | 9.7 |
| 3597m | Treas | 11¾% | 2003-07 | 116⅛ | -⅛ | 10.0 |
| 1614m | Treas | 13¼% | 2004-08 | 129⅝ | -⅛ | 10.3 |
| 947m | Treas | 9% | 2008 | 94⅜ | -⅛ | 9.5 |
| 757m | Treas | 9% | 2008 A | 94½ | -⅛ | 9.5 |
| 857m | Treas | 9% | 2009 | 89½ | -⅛ | 9.3 |
| 348m | Conv | 9% | 2011 | 98¼ | -⅛ | 9.2 |
| 633m | Treas | 5¼% | 2008-12 | 62½ | -⅛ | 8.7 |
| 586m | Treas | 7¼% | 2012-15 | 82¼ | -⅛ | 9.3 |
| 2522m | Exch | 12% | 2013-17 | 121¾ | -⅛ | 9.8 |

### UNDATED

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 151m | Consols | 4% | | 44½ | -⅛ | 9.5 |
| 708m | War Ln | 3½% | | 39½ | -⅛ | 9.4 |
| 72m | Conv | 3½% | | 49½ | -⅛ | 7.1 |
| 72m | Treas | 3½% | | 36¼ | -⅛ | 9.7 |
| 72m | Consols | 2½% | | 28½ | -⅛ | 8.8 |
| 125m | Treas | 2½% | | 28¼ | -⅛ | 8.8 |

### INDEX-LINKED

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1338m | Treas | IL 2% | 1988 | 133¾ | -⅛ | 2.0 |
| 587m | Treas | IL 2% | 1992 | 117½ | -⅛ | 2.1 |
| 356m | Treas | IL 2% | 1996 | 91½ | -⅛ | 2.1 |
| 1281m | Treas | IL 2% | 1996 | 128¼ | -⅛ | 2.3 |
| 348m | Treas | IL 2% | 2001 | 105½ | -⅛ | 3.1 |
| 772m | Treas | IL 2% | 2006 | 104½ | -⅛ | 3.2 |
| 1144m | Treas | IL 2% | 2006 | 104 | -⅛ | 2.6 |
| 925m | Treas | IL 2% | 2009 | 97¾ | -⅛ | 3.3 |
| 1166m | Treas | IL 2% | 2011 | 101½ | -⅛ | 3.4 |
| 794m | Treas | IL 2% | 2013 | 83¾ | -⅛ | 3.4 |
| 1447m | Treas | IL 2% | 2016 | 90⅛ | -⅛ | 3.5 |
| 1109m | Treas | IL 2% | 2020 | 89⅝ | -⅛ | 3.5 |
| 522m | Treas | IL 2% | 2024 | 74½ | -⅛ | 3.5 |

## BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

| Capitalization £ | Company | Price last Fri/day | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 445.1m | Allied Irish | 210 | +10 | 9.0 | 4.3 | 6.0 |
| 88.7m | Ansbacher (Henry) | 70 | .. | 2.7e | 3.9 | 20.6 |
| 791.3m | Aus New Z | 140 | ●-1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 668.0m | Bankamerica | 54½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 339.7m | Bank of Ireland | 210 | +10 | 17.0b | 8.1 | .. |
| 999.5m | Bank Leumi Israel | 155 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 22.2m | Bank Leumi UK | 260 | .. | 17.0 | 4.9 | 11.2 |
| 692.6m | Bank Of Scotland | 550 | +16 | 23.6 | 4.3 | 10.1 |
| 16.8m | Bank Of Wales | 78 | .. | 3.3 | 4.7 | 13.2 |
| 3,598.2m | Barclays (aa) | 488 | +35 | 30.0 | 6.1 | 9.2 |
| 19.6m | Benchmark | 87 | ●-1 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 16.2 |
| 67.0m | Brown Shipley | 425 | ● .. | 14.0 | 3.3 | 16.6 |
| 10.2m | Bus Mortgage | 58 | +4 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 14.7 |
| 65.2m | Cedar Alloh | 345 | +5 | 27.6 | 8.0 | 11.9 |
| 37.5m | Cetteri | 64 | +10 | 2.1 | 4.8 | 15.8 |
| 1,074.2m | Chase Manhattan | 512½ | +1½ | 33.0 | 10.7 | .. |
| 3,537.6m | Citicorp | 611½ | +1½ | 20.0 | 18.5 | .. |
| 69.2m | Close Bros | 196 | +12 | 9.0 | 3.2 | 23.3 |
| 1,218.7m | Commerzbank | 272½ | +4½ | 6.0 | 0.1 | .. |
| 4,156.3m | Deutsche Bank | 1141½ | +12½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 6,392.0m | Equity & Gen | 36 | +6 | 15.6 | 43.9 | 14.0 |
| 380.5m | First Nat Finance | 269 | +19 | 12.0 | 4.6 | 11.1 |
| 120.0m | Gerrard Nat | 315 | .. | 23.2 | 7.4 | 9.7 |
| 277.8m | Guinness Peat | 85 | .. | 3.6 | 4.2 | 13.5 |
| 431.1m | Hambros | 270 | ●+22 | 12.1 | 4.5 | 10.6 |
| 2,255.0m | HK Shanghai | 93 | .. | 2.9b | 6.2 | .. |
| 23.0m | Kleinwort (Lazopoff) | 428 | ● .. | 18.3 | 4.2 | 16.9 |
| 24.1m | King & Shaxson | 350 | .. | 12.0 | 7.8 | 11.4 |
| 444.5m | Kleinwort Benson | 337 | +16 | 19.2 | 5.7 | 6.9 |
| 1,964.7m | Lloyds (aa) | 343 | .. | 17.0 | 7.0 | 4.2 |
| 28.2m | Lon Scot | 84 | .. | 2.2 | 3.6 | 16.4 |
| 2,108.6m | Midland (aa) | 393 | .. | 22.0 | 7.2 | 13.5 |
| 417.9m | Morgan Grenfell | 374 | .. | 14.0 | 5.4 | 7.0 |
| 792.1m | Nat Aust BK | 1653 | ●-4 | .. | .. | .. |
| 4,814.2m | Nat West (aa) | 388 | +23 | 29.0 | 4.8 | 6.1 |
| 100.0m | Ottoman | 2200 | -10 | 800 | 4.0 | 6.5 |

## ELECTRICALS

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79.7m | AB Elect | 392 | +20 | 17.1e | 4.5 | 15.9 |
| 9,896.0m | Admiral Comp | 98 | ●-4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 13.7 |
| 35.3m | Alphameric | 235 | ●-5 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 14.3 |

# STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end January 22. §Contango day January 25. Settlement day February 1.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.**

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## BREWERIES

| Capitalization £ | Company | Price last Thu/day | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,555.7m | Allied-Lyons (aa) | 343 | ●-4 | 16.2 | 4.7 | 10.1 |
| 2,726.7m | Bass (aa) | 909 | ●-10 | 26.8 | 3.3 | 12.1 |
| 87.9m | Bellhaven | 47 | ●+3 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 16.8 |
| 133.4m | Boddington | 185 | +5 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 15.8 |
| 179.2m | Brown (Matthew) | 725 | +100 | 19.2b | 2.6 | 25.3 |
| 31.4m | Buckleys | 297 | +27 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 63.9 |
| 89.2m | Bulmer (H P) | 172 | ●+3 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 12.2 |
| 26.0m | Burtonwood Brew | 1255 | ●+15 | 42.0 | 3.3 | 20.2 |
| 31.8m | Clark (Nazareth) | 2950 | ●+5 | 123 | 4.2 | 12.0 |
| 113.5m | Devenish (JA) | 315 | ●+18 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 17.5 |
| 224.9m | Greenall Whitley | 199 | ●+6 | 9.2 | 4.1 | 10.2 |
| 187.9m | Greene King | 448 | ●+16 | 9.8 | 2.1 | 23.0 |
| 2,438.5m | Guinness (aa) | 293 | +5 | 12.0 | 4.3 | 10.5 |
| 27.4m | Hardys & Hansons | 885 | .. | 28.5 | 4.3 | 12.8 |
| 98.8m | Highland Dist | 88 | .. | 3.4 | 4.3 | 12.5 |
| 49.2m | Invergordon Distl | 175 | -7 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 11.4 |
| 108.4m | Irish Dist | 170 | .. | 6.2 | 3.6 | .. |
| 99.1m | Marston Thompson | 114 | ●+3 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 14.3 |
| 38.7m | Morland | 458 | ●+11 | 10.8 | 2.3 | 13.3 |
| 850.6m | SA Breweries | 315 | +13 | .. | .. | .. |
| 758.3m | Scot & Newc (aa) | 298 | ● .. | 11.3 | 3.4 | 11.6 |
| 230.5m | Vaux Grp | 288 | ●+9 | 12.5 | 4.3 | 11.5 |
| 1,158.6m | Whitbread 'A' (aa) | 288 | ●-7 | 12.6 | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| 49.7m | Do 'B' | 300 | ●+5 | 12.6 | 4.2 | 12.7 |
| 177.9m | Whitbread Inv | 282 | ●+6 | 11.8 | 4.1 | 32.8 |
| 235.2m | Wolverhmpn & D | 354 | ●+13 | 8.0 | 2.2 | 20.5 |
| 16.3m | Young 'A' | 352 | +7 | 12.3 | 3.5 | 20.5 |

## BUILDING, ROADS

| Capitalization £ | Company | Price last Thu/day | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74.7m | Abbey | 193 | +48 | .. | .. | .. |
| 211.3m | Amec | 328 | ●+13 | 16.8 | 5.1 | 12.4 |
| 59.2m | Amalg Sec | 358 | ●+50 | 27 | 7.5 | 20.4 |
| 59.5m | Anglo Utd | 44 | +2 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 15.5 |
| 5,250.0m | Arm/Hte | 105 | +15 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 24.6 |
| 156.8m | Attwoods | 288 | ●+41 | 8.2 | 2.8 | 16.4 |
| 1,111.5m | BPB Ind (aa) | 293 | ●+17 | 9.6 | 3.3 | 11.2 |
| 49.0m | Baggeridge Brick | 345 | ●+9 | 18.5 | 5.4 | 11.7 |
| 3,240.0m | Bailey (Ben) Constr | 82 | +9 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 12.9 |
| 322.7m | Barratt Devs | 181 | +7 | 12.2 | 6.7 | 11.8 |
| 48.0m | Bellway | 194 | ●+13 | 11.0 | 5.7 | 9.3 |
| 25.5m | Bellwinch | 91 | ●+6 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 9.2 |
| 169.5m | Berkeley Gp | 264 | ●+1 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 15.3 |
| 13.0m | Bird Bros | 87 | +2 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 21.6 |
| 48.2m | Bird Hldgs | 204 | +10 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 28.0 |
| 1,124.4m | Blue Circle (aa) | 435 | +7 | 18.5 | 4.3 | 11.7 |
| 20.7m | Breedon PLC | 170 | .. | 8.2 | 4.8 | .. |
| 25.1m | Br Dredging | 146 | -2 | 8.9 | 4.7 | 28.5 |
| 14.6m | Brown & Jackson | 43 | +7½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 298.3m | Bryant | 148 | +8 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 17.0 |
| 22.2m | Burnett & Hallam | 14 | .. | .. | .. | 1.5 |
| 319.5m | CRH | 113 | +3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5,775.0m | Caledonian Robey | 110 | .. | 5.2 | 4.7 | 13.8 |
| 141.3m | Cantlon | 293 | ●-6 | 10.3 | 3.5 | 11.7 |
| 101.8m | Church Charles | 118 | ●+10 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 12.9 |
| 16.8m | Conder Grp | 285 | .. | 6.2 | 3.0 | 23.1 |
| 6,846.0m | Copson PLC | 118 | +5 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 84.5 |
| 477.0m | Costain | 286 | +5 | 12.2 | 4.2 | 10.6 |
| 88.9m | Countryside | 228 | +25 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 25.0 |
| 144.9m | Crest Nicholson | 193 | +8 | 7.5b | 3.9 | 13.2 |
| 9,108.0m | Crosby James | 83 | +8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | .. |
| 35.2m | Douglas (RM) | 253 | +11 | 4.1b | 1.6 | 18.2 |
| 34.0m | Ecrin | 51 | +10 | 3.4 | 6.7 | 15.0 |
| 16.2m | Federated Hsg | 180 | .. | 6.0 | 3.3 | 12.5 |
| 17.8m | Finlan Gp | 70 | -2 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 14.3 |
| 42.7m | Galliford | 86 | .. | 3.7 | 5.8 | 14.8 |
| 3,741.0m | Gibbs & Dandy Ord | 215 | ●-5 | 14b | 1.8 | 27.9 |
| 40.9m | Gleeson (MJ) | 400 | ●+15 | 9.1 | 2.3 | 9.6 |
| 29.7m | Harrison Ind | 230 | +10 | 7.9 | 3.2 | 15.4 |
| 75.5m | Henderson | 335 | -4 | 11.6 | 3.5 | 30.9 |
| 120.5m | Hewden-Stuart | 160 | .. | 2.7 | 2.3 | 18.2 |
| 140.6m | Heywood Williams | 286 | +27 | 13.0 | 4.5 | 15.0 |
| 103.1m | Higgs & Hill | 307 | +16 | 10.6 | 3.5 | 14.7 |
| 16.0m | Howard Hogg | 84 | +3 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 11.7 |
| 264.6m | Ibstock Johnsen | 161 | +20 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 11.6 |
| 6,578.0m | Jarvis (J) & Sons | 650 | -25 | 20.6 | 3.2 | 17.8 |
| 125.2m | Laing (J) | 283 | +6 | 8.2 | 2.9 | 9.5 |
| 119.1m | Do 'A' | 283 | +6 | 8.2 | 2.9 | 9.5 |
| 57.1m | Lawrence (Walter) | 124 | +11 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 12.1 |
| 34.8m | Lilley (FJC) | 43½ | .. | 3.6 | .. | 15.7 |
| 125.1m | Lovell (YJ) | 221 | +2 | 9.9 | 4.5 | 10.9 |
| 384.0m | Magnet (aa) | 210 | +12 | 8.6 | 4.1 | 13.4 |
| 45.8m | Marley | 168 | +8 | 14.5 | 8.6 | 16.4 |
| 377.7m | Marley | 137 | +9 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 10.1 |
| 99.6m | Marshalls (Halifax) | 241 | +3 | 8.9 | 3.7 | 16.4 |
| 19.6m | Maunders (J) | 81 | +6 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 13.1 |
| 180.8m | McAlpine (Alfred) | 480 | +31 | 20.4 | 4.4 | 18.6 |
| 244.4m | McCarthy & Stn | 430 | +37 | 5.6 | 1.3 | 23.3 |
| 348.8m | Meyer Int | 358 | ●+9 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 11.8 |
| 5,100.0m | Miller (Stanley) | 86 | +4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 69.4 |
| 380.3m | Mowlem (John) | 276 | ●+29 | 22.3 | 5.9 | 11.2 |
| 104.9m | Nothing Ham | 211 | +7 | 10.1 | 4.8 | 13.1 |
| 115.2m | Newman Tonks | 182 | +9 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 15.2 |
| 77.9m | Persimmon | 124 | +9 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 17.9 |
| 12.5m | Phoenix Timber | 80 | ●+2½ | 3.4 | 3.8 | 10.7 |
| 7,746.0m | Pochin | 745 | .. | 36 | 4.8 | 13.5 |
| 856.5m | RMC Gp (aa) | 448 | ●+23 | 33.4 | 5.0 | 14.7 |
| 111.7m | Raine Ind | 88 | +6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 17.9 |
| 1,161.4m | Redland (aa) | 439 | ●+38 | 18.7 | 4.3 | 12.4 |
| 57.4m | Rutherford | 132 | +3 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 11.9 |
| 340.3m | Rugby Group | 238 | +13 | 10.5 | 4.4 | 15.7 |
| 108.1m | Sandell Perkins | 252 | +4 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 16.5 |
| 35.1m | Sharpe & Fisher | 177 | -8 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 17.5 |
| 11.3m | Smart (J) | 113 | +2 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 16.9 |
| 393.3m | Spenley | 316 | -1 | 11.3 | 3.6 | 14.9 |
| 1,725.0m | Tarmac (aa) | 244 | +18 | 8.7 | 3.6 | 15.4 |
| 547.6m | Taylor Woodrow | 355 | +4 | 13.4 | 3.8 | 11.6 |
| 48.6m | Tilbury Group | 243 | +10 | 9.9 | 4.1 | 11.7 |
| 117.7m | Trafalgar House | 334 | +25 | 11.8 | 3.5 | 12.7 |
| 6,669.0m | Trust | 97 | +2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 14.2 |
| 16.3m | Turriff | 255 | -26 | 13.6 | 5.3 | 21.1 |
| 40.3m | Vibroplant | 580 | -5 | 17.1 | 3.1 | 18.7 |
| 30.0m | Ward Group | 137 | +2 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 10.4 |
| 91.4m | Ward Hldgs | 174 | +8 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 18.8 |
| 8,542.0m | Warmington | 115 | +2 | .. | .. | 12.2 |
| 65.4m | Watts Blake | 274 | .. | 7.8 | 2.8 | 15.3 |
| 75.3m | Westbury | 210 | ●-5 | 8.8 | 4.2 | 15.5 |
| 24.8m | Wiggins | 160 | +9 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 12.7 |
| 108.7m | Wilson Bowden | 183 | +20 | 4.7 | 2.6 | .. |
| 279.9m | Wilson (Connolly) | 317 | +5 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 16.8 |
| 656.4m | Wimpey (George) | 283 | ●+1 | 7.9 | 3.4 | 10.3 |
| 14.8m | YRM | 124 | +13 | .. | .. | 13.2 |

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

| Capitalization £ | Company | Price last Thu/day | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 315.4m | Allied Colloids | 124 | +18 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 17.1 |
| 221.2m | Amersham | 454 | +13 | 11.8 | 2.6 | 18.5 |
| 25.2m | Anchor Chemical | 88 | .. | 8.6 | 9.8 | 10.6 |
| 83.0m | BTP | 142 | ●+12 | 7.9 | 5.6 | 15.2 |
| 5,044.8m | Bayer DM50 | 899½ | +21½ | 700 | 7.8 | .. |
| 47.5m | Blagden | 155 | +7 | 10.1 | 6.5 | 15.6 |
| 70.8m | Brent Chems | 132 | +14 | 6.4b | 4.8 | 13.4 |
| 32.5m | Canning (W) | 179 | +2 | 5.8 | 3.1 | 16.9 |
| 311.0m | Coalite | 318 | ●-21 | 12.3 | 3.9 | 10.3 |
| 58.1m | Costain Bros | 340 | +10 | 10.6b | 3.1 | 17.4 |
| 72.0m | Do 'A' | 340 | +4 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 15.7 |
| 4,232.0m | Cory (Horace) | 23 | +2 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 15.3 |
| 230.1m | Crda | 159 | +5 | 11.5 | 5.8 | 15.3 |
| 20.4m | Do Dfd | 136 | ●+10 | .. | .. | 15.9 |
| 51.1m | Ellis & Everard | 176 | +25 | 6.4 | 3.7 | 13.4 |
| 64.8m | Evode | 170 | +16 | 6.1 | 3.6 | 14.2 |
| 176.2m | Fosseo-Minerp | 214 | -22 | 13.4 | 6.3 | 13.6 |
| 36.0m | Halstead (James) | 251 | +11 | 8.9 | 3.5 | 11.2 |
| 135.1m | Hickson | 156 | +10 | 5.7 | 3.5 | 20.1 |
| 4,263.0m | Hoechst DM50 | 894½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 7,773.8m | Imp Chem Ind (aa) | £11¼ | +¼ | 52.1 | 4.4 | 12.3 |
| 558.2m | Laporte (aa) | 407 | +10 | 14.9 | 3.7 | 13.5 |
| 28.7m | Leigh | 73 | ●+2 | 6.3 | 3.6 | 24.0 |
| 1,240.9m | Norsk Hydro | £14½ | +2½ | 63 | .. | .. |
| 69.7m | Physic | 161 | ●+18 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 19.9 |
| 52.1m | Reabrook Hldgs | 295 | .. | 5.8 | 2.0 | 26.3 |
| 367.0m | Rentokil | 191 | +17 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 19.8 |
| 49.1m | Sequa | 250 | +20 | .. | .. | .. |
| 20.2m | Sutcliffe Speakman | 141 | +20 | .. | .. | 24.2 |
| 16.9m | Wolstenholme Rnk | 270 | .. | 14.0 | 5.2 | 9.8 |
| 49.6m | Yorkshire Chem | 253 | .. | 7.5 | 2.9 | 16.4 |
| 98.3m | Yule Catto | 115 | +5 | 4.1b | 3.6 | 16.5 |

## CINEMAS, TV

| Capitalization £ | Company | Price last Thu/day | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 65.4m | Angla TV 'A' | 380 | +31 | 16.4 | 4.3 | 10.4 |
| 121.2m | Central TV | 473 | +35 | 24.7 | 5.2 | 11.9 |
| 5,832.9m | Granada | 45 | ●+1 | 3.2 | 7.1 | 6.8 |
| 56.1m | HTV N/V | 230 | +35 | 13.4 | 5.8 | 8.2 |
| 147.7m | LWT Hldgs | 173 | +2 | 8.6 | 4.9 | 14.1 |
| 41.7m | Scot TV | 390 | +35 | 21.2 | 5.4 | 7.8 |
| 120.2m | TVS | 357 | +19 | 14.4 | 4.1 | 10.5 |
| 14.5m | TSW | 68 | +1 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 13.5 |
| 176.7m | Thames TV | 368 | +13 | 17.0 | 4.6 | 11.1 |
| 105.2m | TV-AM | 166 | +10 | 4.4[ | 2.6 | .. |
| 27.1m | Tyne Tees TV | 532 | +26 | 30.8 | 5.8 | 10.4 |
| 8,799.0m | Ulster TV | 90 | .. | 5.1 | 5.7 | 9.7 |
| 80.9m | Yorkshire TV | 245 | +25 | 11.0 | 4.5 | 10.1 |

## DRAPERY, STORES

| Capitalization £ | Company | Price last Thu/day | Chge on week | Gross div pence | Div Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71.7m | Alexon | 345 | ●+7 | 8.9 | 2.6 | 15.2 |
| 6,256.0m | Amber Day | 41 | +5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 23.9m | Aquascutum 'A' | 49 | .. | 1.7 | 4.2 | 22.0 |
| 256.4m | Ashley (Laura) | 128 | ●-3 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 19.5 |
| 60.3m | Beattie (James) 'A' | 133 | .. | 4.7 | 3.5 | 14.3 |
| 63.9m | Bemrose | 153 | .. | 3.7 | 2.4 | 26.2 |
| 68.8m | Blacks Leis | 21½ | -½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 150.7m | Body Shop | 735 | +60 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 78.9 |
| 9,709.0m | Bremner | 87 | +5 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 61.9 |
| 197.0m | Brown (N) | 208 | +3 | 7.3 | 3.5 | .. |
| 1,288.1m | Burton (aa) | 234 | ●+11 | 9.9 | 4.2 | 10.9 |
| 12.1m | Cameron 'A' | 98 | ●+8 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 19.4 |
| 15.2m | Cassidy | 68 | +1 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 9.9 |
| 48.9m | Church | 450 | +20 | 13.7 | 3.0 | 18.2 |
| 1,363.9m | Coats Viyella (aa) | 280 | ●+20 | 10.6 | 4.1 | 12.2 |
| 27.6m | Coumi (Fumi) 'A' | 180 | .. | 6.7 | 4.2 | 15.5 |
| 22.1m | DAKS Simpson 'A' | 215 | +15 | 11.8 | 2.8 | 9.8 |
| 48.6m | Dewhirst (JJ) | 54 | .. | 1.4 | 2.6 | 11.9 |
| 786.5m | Dixons Grp (aa) | 214 | +5 | 5.5 | 2.6 | 11.1 |
| 280.5m | Dunelm | 167 | +11 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 4.4 |
| 59.3m | ERA Gp | 74 | +11 | 2.1 | 2.8 | .. |
| 20.9m | Ellis & Goldstein | 77 | +16 | 3.6 

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## UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

### University of Exeter
### LECTURER IN PHYSICS.

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Physics available from 1 April 1988 or as soon as possible thereafter. The successful candidate will join the Semiconductor Physics Group as an experimentalist investigating the electrical transport properties of low dimensional semiconductors, an area of study for which the Group at present consists of three staff and associated postdoctoral workers and research students and is led by Professor J C Inkson. The appointee would be expected to contribute to the teaching of the Physics with Solid State Electronics degree.

Commencing salary will be within the range £8735 to £11015 pa on the lecturer A scale £8735 to £13675 pa. Candidates with good qualifications but little postdoctoral experience should not be discouraged from applying.

Further particulars available from the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4QJ, to whom applications (six copies, candidates resident overseas one copy) giving the names of three referees should be sent by 8 February quoting reference no 3539.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES BANGOR
### SIR HUW WHELDON BANGOR FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from practising broadcasters and others with appropriate interests for appointments as the Sir Huw Wheldon Fellow for the 1988/89 academic year. The Fellowship for 1989/90 will be advertised next October.

The Fellow will have the opportunity to work, in association with members of academic staff at Bangor, on a project involving some selected aspect of the arts, science and ethics of broadcasting. It is expected that a significant contribution based upon the project will result.

The Fellow will receive an appropriate honorarium together with travelling expenses and full accommodation at Bangor for agreed periods equivalent to one academic term.

Further particulars of the appointment are available from the Secretary and Registrar, UCNW, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DG.

Applications, giving details of qualifications and experience together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to reach the Secretary and Registrar by 15 February, 1988.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Applications invited for the following Chairs tenable from 1 October 1988:

**SCHRODER PROFESSORSHIP OF GERMAN**

**PROFESSORSHIP OF MEDIEVAL HISTORY**

Present pensionable stipend £25,620

Applications (10 copies) marked 'Confidential' should be sent with the names of two referees to the Secretary General of the Faculties, from whom further information may be obtained, at the **General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT.**

Closing date: 12 February 1988.

### UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM
### ASSISTANT TREASURER

Applications are invited from qualified accountants for this post following the appointment of the present holder to a senior post in another institution.

Responsibilities lie principally in the fields of financial and management accounting and require sound professional ability, a commitment to system innovation and development and the ability to communicate effectively.

The salary will be on the ALC3 scale, £15,415 - £18,210 per annum.

Further particulars are available from the Deputy Treasurer, University of Durham, Old Shire Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HP, telephone (091) 374 3431. Applications together with the names and addresses of three referees should be sent by Monday 25 January 1988 to the above address.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
### Chair of Applied Geophysical Sciences

With the help of funding generously provided by Carless, Capel and Leonard plc, Esso UK plc, and Shell UK Ltd. the University proposes to establish this Chair within the Department of Geology. Applicants may have interests in any field of geophysical sciences.

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Application forms from

The Clerk to the Governors
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**Appointment of Head**

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**BURSAR AND CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS**

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The Clerk to the Governors, Pocklington School, West Green, Pocklington, York, YO4 2NJ. Tel: (0759) 302794.
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Further details and an application form may be obtained from

The Clerk to the Governors,
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APPOINTMENT OF

**HEAD**

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For full particulars and application form please telephone or write to the Secretary to the Governors, The Allied Schools, 42, South Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9XL. (Telephone Banbury (0295) 56441).

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**ST. BEES SCHOOL, CUMBRIA**

**HEADSHIP**

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# Shaw comes within a leg glance of stopping the show

By Simon O'Hagan

**Stoke City ..... 0**
**Liverpool ..... 0**

This was almost the perfect Cup tie: Stoke City, from the lower reaches of the second division, slugging it out in the mud with the best team in England and a full house of 31,000 responding passionately. What it needed, though, was that moment when one player — preferably from the underdogs — takes matters into his own hands and achieves glory.

Six minutes from the end of a towering match at the Victoria Ground on Saturday this is exactly what should have happened. The player in question was Graham Shaw, Stoke's 20-year-old substitute, who had been on the field for 10 minutes.

Shaw was unmarked and standing about 10 yards into the Liverpool half of the field when Dixon, the Stoke right back, hoisted a long ball forward. Momentarily, Shaw hesitated, thinking he might be offside. But the linesman did not raise his flag.

Hooper, taking the injured Grobbelaar's place in the Liverpool goal, sensed the danger long before Shaw sensed his opportunity. He came charging out of the penalty area, a move that would have cost him dear had Shaw possessed just enough presence of mind to take the ball round the goalkeeper before shooting.

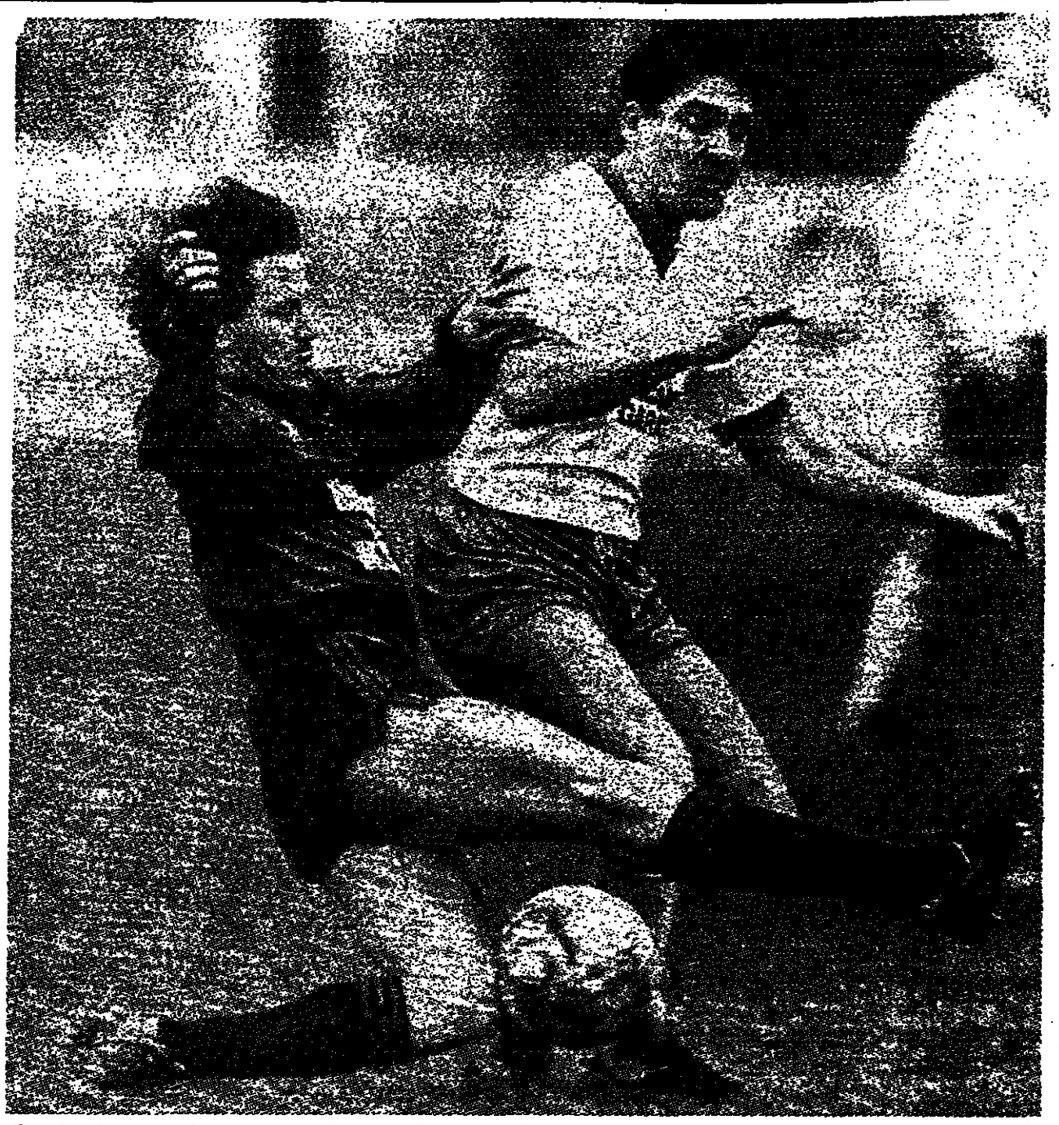
By the time Shaw had gathered the ball, Hooper was almost on him, at which point he unleashed his shot. Hooper's gamble was rewarded, for the ball ricocheted off his legs to safety and Shaw was left to agonize over what might have been.

The Stoke youngster cut as dignified a figure as was possible when he spoke afterwards, saying his team-mates had been very sympathetic and told him to try to forget what had happened. "But I shan't sleep tonight," he added. "I thought I might have been offside but I looked across to the linesman and he had his flag down. I knew exactly what I was doing. I just thought 'it's a chance to shoot, so shoot'."

Mick Mills, the Stoke manager, could hardly blame poor Shaw. It was a day to feel proud of his men, who had looked as if they might be swept aside by Liverpool in the opening 10 minutes but recovered to give them as hard a game as they can have had in their all-conquering season.

Stainrod was a forceful presence up front and Parkin and Morgan had chances to put Stoke ahead but were foiled by the admirable Hooper. And if Barnes, Houghton and Bearsdley put together the more threatening attacks for Liverpool — at times their speed and skill on the cloying surface were quite remarkable — they were also required to do a huge amount of tackling back. In the end it all went to Liverpool's plan. Shaw's moment of glory will have to wait until another day.

STOKE CITY: S Barrett; L Dixon, C Carr, B Talbot, S Bould, G Berry, A Ford, A Henry, N Morgan, S Stainrod (sub: G Shaw), S Parkin.
LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; G Gillespie, M Lawrenson, S Nicol, R Whelan, A Hansen, P Beardsley, J Aldridge, R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
Referee: T Mills.



Best foot forward: Allen, of Rangers (left) and Pearson challenge for the ball in midfield (Photograph: Duncan Ridgley)

# Cup that cheers on show at Sutton

By Paul Newman

**Sutton United ..... 1**
**Middlesbrough ..... 1**

Saturday's match at Gander Green Lane may not quite have had the flavour of Sutton's famous tie against Leeds United 18 years ago but, on a day disfigured by such unpleasant crowd scenes at Arsenal, this was a welcome reminder of the unique pleasures that FA Cup football can provide.

Only 10 policemen were present when 14,000 people packed into the ground to watch Don Revie's team win 6-0 in 1970. There were 10 times that number to patrol Saturday's capacity gate of 6,000 — a limit set by the police and local council — but there was barely a hint of trouble as the crowd enjoyed an occasion encapsulating the very spirit of the FA Cup.

Sutton's hospitality towards visiting supporters, officials, players and Press won praise all round. "They've shown the true Corinthian spirit," Bruce Rioch, Middlesbrough's manager, said after the match. "We'd hardly got through the dressing room door when they brought in a pot of tea. That was typical. Their attitude throughout has been tremendous."

Not that the hospitality spread on to the pitch, for this was a fiercely competitive match, excellently refereed by Ron Groves. Although Sutton remained true to their principles of open, attacking football, they knew that to stand any chance they would have to tackle and chase like never before.

Indeed, the turning point came early in the second half when the GM Vauxhall Conference side replaced McKinnon, their most stylish forward, with the aggressive, effervescent Awaritefe.

Until that point, Middlesbrough's fresh-faced youngsters had given an entertaining exhibition of the smooth, short-passing style that has taken them into the heart of the second division promotion hunt. Ripley in particular set up several good chances which colleagues squandered.

When Sutton began to take a grip on the match midway through the second half, it seemed that Middlesbrough's profligacy would be punished. Yet such was the see-sawing nature of this match that within moments of Dennis twice going desperately close for Sutton, Middlesbrough took the lead, Pallister scoring from Hamilton's corner.

Sutton, however, continued to attack constructively and eight minutes from time Mark Golley headed in a typically well flighted free kick by Stephens. Such was the pressure on the Middlesbrough goal in the closing minutes that you had the feeling Sutton would have won had they scored five minutes earlier.

Non-League sides rarely get a second chance in Cup ties like this, but Sutton will justifiably go to Middlesbrough for tomorrow's replay full of confidence. "We're a better side away from home," Golley said.

SUTTON UNITED: T Roffey; R Jones, A Rains, M Golley, S Hemsley, P Rogers, M Stephens, M Cornwell, L Dennis, P McGinnon (sub: F Awaritefe), M Joyce (sub: N Golley).
MIDDLESBROUGH: S Pears; B Laws, C Cooper, A Mowbray, G Parkinson, G Pallister, B Steven, G Gill, G Hamilton, P Kerr, S Ripley.
Referee: R Groves.

## FA Cup replays

TOMORROW: Blackpool v Scunthorpe United (7.30); Middlesbrough v Sutton United (7.30); Manchester City v Huddersfield Town (7.30); Liverpool v Stoke City (7.30); Hull City v Watford (7.45).
WEDNESDAY: Everton v Sheffield Wednesday (7.30); Norwich City v Swindon Town (7.30).

# Royle the enthusiast pours praise on the opposition

By Ian Ross

**Oldham Athletic ..... 2**
**Tottenham Hotspur ..... 4**

Having graduated from the Goodison Park School of Science with honours, Joe Royle, the Oldham Athletic manager, is not averse to risking the wrath of his own supporters by lavishing praise on rival teams who satisfy his desire for entertainment.

Royle remains an enthusiast, as fascinated by the intricacies of quality football now as he was when he became the youngest man to pull on an Everton jersey some 22 years ago.He is a fan entombed in the blazer of a club whom he is trying to build into one of substance and character with limited money.

"Quality counted in the end, and it was Ossie Ardiles who made all the difference," he said. "At the age of 35 he is a credit to the game and he looks like he could go on forever. He appeared on the scene to collect the ball whenever we threatened."

While reluctant to criticize his own side for a disappointing display, Royle briefly touched upon another reason behind a defeat which was as comprehensive as the scoreline suggests. "I think we might have suffered because too many people gave us too much of a chance before the game. One or two of my more experienced players froze on the day. However, it was a good lesson for us but we will be back in our own class next weekend."

Tottenham swaggered into this morning's fourth-round draw with a performance of immense composure on an artificial surface which suited the flamboyance of their forwards. The home side's early exuberance was curtailed as early as the sixth minute when Clive Allen magnificently chipped into the top corner after he had spotted Gorton, the Oldham goalkeeper, advancing from his line.

Midway through an opening half of debatable quality Allen struck again when he headed in a Waddle cross from the left. Oldham reduced the arrears on the half-hour when Wright bundled home at the far post after Flynn's cross had not been intercepted but Tottenham restored their two-goal advantage just before the interval when Thomas, the full back, stole in to drive in from close range after Allen had knocked down Waddle's curling corner.

The formalities were completed in the 75th minute when Waddle fired home in spectacular fashion from 25 yards and then Cecere poked home a goal that was at least some consolation for Oldham's largest crowd of the season.

OLDHAM: A Gorton; D Irwin, A Barlow, M Flynn, A Lnighan, M Cecere, R Palmer, W Donachie, F Burn, T Wright, A Ritchie.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: T Parks; C Hughton, M Thomas, S Hodge (sub: B Stathem), C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, T Fenwick, C Waddle, O Ardiles, P Moran (sub: S Howells).
Referee: T Holbrook.

# Nicholas shows promise

By Roddy Forsyth

Easter Road is not the ideal place to make an entry into Scottish football, as Graeme Souness, who was sent off there on his Scottish League debut for Rangers, can testify; and even though Charlie Nicholas has been over the course before, his return to the premier division in Aberdeen's 0-0 draw with Hibernian came amidst a dour affair on Saturday.

He was not helped by a gale force wind driving in from the River Forth and a pitch waterlogged from days of rain. Still, the £500,000 signing from Arsenal impressed enough to suggest that, once he loses his excess weight, he can repay his transfer fee.

Nicholas made his first contribution when he turned against the face of a packed defence and shot at goal. If this effort went harmlessly wide the next attempt was dramatically accurate. With 25 minutes gone, a misplaced Hibernian clearance fell to Nicholas about 10 yards. He shuffled inside two markers and floated a cross which bounced off the top of the crossbar.

As the final whistle beckoned, a Nicholas headerrebounded from the crossbar and was scrambled clear.

SCOTTISH CUP: Third round draw: Falkirk v Heart of Midlothian ; Raith Rovers v Rangers; Dumbarton v Hibernian; Gala Fairydean v East Stirling; Forfar Athletic v Partick Thistle; St Mirren v Clydebank; Stenhousemuir or Arbroath v Dundee United; St Johnstone v Aberdeen; Clyde v Alloa or Cowdenbeath; Dundee v Brechin; Queen of the South v Morton; Dunfermline Athletic v Ayr United; Celtic v Stranraer; East Fife v Arbroathians; Motherwell v Kilmarnock; Hamilton Academical v Meadowbank Thistle.
Ties to be played on January 30.

# Rangers gather momentum down a sloping pitch

By Clive White

**Yeovil Town ..... 0**
**Queen's Park Rangers .. 3**

With a thorough professionalism, which presumably deserted many of their predecessors, Queen's Park Rangers flatly refused to play their part on Saturday in what ought to have been one of those charming, giant-killing stories of the FA Cup. Even by Yeovil's standards it was an unfriendly setting: wind, rain and mud as well as their notorious slope. The Rangers players took one look at it and breathed a sigh of relief.

With the sort of attention to detail which is the mark of the modern day professional, Rangers had prepared for the worst by practising on a sloping pitch at St Austell which was steeper and deeper in mud than the Huish ground. While Brian Hall, the Yeovil manager, still believed that the conditions were to his team's benefit (McDonald, the Rangers captain, thought hooves rather than boots were more in order), he had to concede that the famous slope, down which the great Sunderland side of 1949 slid to defeat, was of no advantage on this occasion.

As if the pace of the Rangers team in general posed enough problems for Yeovil's part-timers, Rangers gained extra impetus by getting the electric Fereday to run downhill at them in the second half. Little wonder that Hall should remark: "They all seemed to have longer legs than my players. When they came forward it was like the Charge of the Light Brigade."

Even during a first half in which the more threatening moments belonged to Yeovil, there was something inevitable about the outcome of this tie. Rangers defenders seemed to revel in the ability to slide through mud for their tackles.

Yeovil would occasionally win individual contests, like a race to the ball or a head-on tackle, but collectively they were losing out. The Yeovil manager spoke about his team's success in "coping" with Rangers defenders. But they needed to do more than cope if they were to penetrate the opposition.

Unfortunately a crowd disturbance caused the game to be held up for three minutes and this, plus time generously allowed by Lester Shapter, the referee, for Maguire to do up his bootlaces gave Rangers the extra time they needed at the end of the first half to squeeze ahead. Yeovil's defence was suddenly over-stretched by a crossfield pass to Fereday which Brock had to dig out of the mud under pressure. Dawes took over and when his deflected shot rebounded back off a post Falco, typically, was around to tap in with embarrassing ease.

Undeterred, Yeovil came out for the second half and gallantly placed the First Division side under genuine pressure. Two notable chances came their way, one impressively made by McGinlay but less impressively finished by the same player, another also made by McGinlay but disappointingly missed by Randall.

The longer Yeovil persisted and failed the longer they played into the hands of the experienced counter punchers and Rangers duly scored their knockout when Brock and Fereday again set up Falco who, turning easily away from his tiring marker, scored with a shot which limped across the line more embarrassingly than his first had done. By the time Brock scored as easily as he pleased in the last minute Yeovil were already savouring the memory of the day if not its conclusion.

YEOVIL TOWN: R Iles; J Sherwood, P Fenn, A Ricketts, S Rutter, N Cordice, G Donnellan (sub, R Chandler), A Wallace, J McGinley, G Pearson (sub, W Noble), P Randall.
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: N Johns; I Dawes, M Dennis, P Parker, A McDonald, G Maguire, M Allen, M Falco, G Bannister (sub, D Coney), W Fereday (sub, D Kerslake), K Brock.
Referee: L Shapter.

# Cleary fitness struggle

Jim Cleary, the former Northern Ireland midfield player, faces an anxious week of intensive physio treatment (George Ace writes).

The 30-year-old Glentoran captain broke down with a hamstring injury during the 1-0 home Irish League win over Portadown, and is doubtful for Saturday's "big two" confrontation with Linfield at Windsor Park.

"I'd hate to miss this match, but if I'm not 100 per cent fit I won't play," says Cleary. Thatis bleak news for Glentoran who are one point clear of Linfield at the top of the table, thanks to an own goal by Paul Millar, the 20-year-old Portadown forward.

Pat McCoy, the Irish League Player of the Year two seasons ago, is likely to stand in as Cleary's replacement.

# Ayre goes out with no regrets

By Nicholas Harling

**Halifax Town ..... 0**
**Nottingham Forest ..... 4**

The philosophy practised by Billy Ayre as a player might have served his team better on Saturday.

As an uncompromising defender with Halifax, Ayre was not averse to letting the opposition know he was about. As the club's manager he has compromised such principles but had no regrets after his team's comprehensive exit from the FA Cup at The Shay.

"Most of the players are more comfortable on the ball than I ever was," he reasoned. "I wouldn't have wanted to change things. In any case my boys wouldn't know how to play any other way."

If it was a mistake Halifax made in trying to match Nottingham Forest by playing football, it was at least a courageous one. In the event, however, the crowd, ludicrously low at 4,013 in the council-imposed interests of safety, rarely got behind the home side who, apart from two robust second half challenges by Robinson, the centre half, on Webb and Wilkinson, never attempted to bridge the chasm in class by resorting to dubious means.

For about 90 seconds, Ayre, it seemed, had got it right. It took that long for Neil Matthews to beat Walker with embarrassing ease on the left touch-line to put in a cross that Sutton failed to grasp cleanly. But no sooner had the ball been played back by Foster into the grateful goalkeeper's hands than Forest were displaying the kind of measured football that had Ayre referring to them, in the same breath as Liverpool, as possible Cup winners.

Glover accepted Webb's neat through ball to supply the cross from which the tenacious Wilson struck the first goal after 22 minutes. Rice's long run gave Pearce the chance to hit the second 11 minutes later.

Such was Halifax's plight at half-time, that the players hardly needed telling by the announcer as they trooped off: "At the moment the great Shay dream seems to be fading somewhat."

A token shot by Neil Matthews did bring a resounding cheer on the resumption but that was merely the prelude to Rice's accurate crosses laying on the third and fourth goals for Plummer and Wilkinson.

There could have been several more. As Ayre said ruefully: "Once you lose possession to a team like Forest you don't get it back for 10 minutes."

HALIFAX TOWN: P Roche; P Brown, W Barr, M Matthews (sub: L Richardson), D Robinson, M Heathcote, D Martin, S Thornber, N Matthews, R Black (sub: W Allison), R Holden.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; S Chettle, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster, T Wilson, C Plummer (sub: G Fleming), N Webb, L Glover, T Gaynor (sub: P Wilkinson), B Rice.
Referee: T Fitzharris.

# Dixon's stock rises to £1m-plus mark

By David Powell

**Derby County ..... 1**
**Chelsea ..... 3**

It may not have been the result Derby wanted but at least it made a change. After five successive 2-1 defeats the mould was broken by Chelsea on Saturday and, into the bargain, the visitors scored their first goals in four matches.

Kerry Dixon had blamed poor supply to the forwards for Chelsea's recent bad run but normal service was resumed. "I'd had a moan about the team not creating chances but now we are," Dixon says.

A Saturday morning report that West Ham United had increased their bid for Dixon to £1.2 million was contemptuously dismissed by John Hollins, the Chelsea manager. "I have had no offer for Dixon," he insisted. Many more performances like this, though, and a £1 million-plus valuation will be as near the mark as Dixon was when he fired low past Shilton for a 2-1 lead 20 seconds after the interval.

Much of Chelsea's supremacy was attributable to the impish Hazard. The warning signs went up when he released Dixon, who was denied only by quick reactions from Shilton.

Derby had no one in midfield to challenge Hazard's authority and his contribution was recognized by choruses from the crowd; fittingly, when Chelsea's third goal came, it was Hazard who headed Blades's free kick into Wegerle's path, leaving Shilton powerless.

One felt for Shilton at 2-1 down. Derby had a couple of near misses and seeing him agonize was like watching a murder movie knowing that the wrong man is on the gallows. Shilton, 40 next year, remains a model of his craft. Can it really be 19 seasons since his last Cup Final appearance? "The main thing is to concentrate on staying in the first division," he said. His positive attitude is a lesson to the youngsters around him.

An article in the programme by Stuart Webb, Derby's managing director, in which he suggested that his club could become a "sacrificial lamb" for the Football League management committee if it imposed a retrospective one-man, one-club rule, set a sobering tone. And soon Derby's defence was to come in for a slaughtering.

After only five minutes McAllister was allowed to go unmarked as he fired in a cross from McLaughlin. Derby replied five minutes later as Penney stole in to convert Gee's cross but, when Chelsea took advantage of poor cover to score their second-half goals, it was no more than they deserved.

A late penalty failure, Freestone saving Gregory's kick, and a glaring miss by Wright served only to underline Derby's inadequacy.

DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; R MacLaren, M Forsyth, S Williams, M Wright, P Blades, N Callaghan, D Penney, P Gee (sub: A Garner), J Gregory, B McCord (sub: M Lewis).
CHELSEA: R Freestone; D Wood, A Dorigo, S Clarke, J McLaughlin, J Bumstead, K McAllister, M Hazard, K Dixon, G Durie (sub: R Wegerle), C Wilson.
Referee: R Milford.

# Gascoigne shoots on sight for Newcastle

By a Special Correspondent

**Newcastle United ..... 1**
**Crystal Palace ..... 0**

Paul Gascoigne, Newcastle's talented midfield player, scored a goal which will nestle comfortably in the St James's Park memory bank of great FA Cup moments.

Newcastle, without their injured internationals, McCreery and Mirandinha, did not play particularly well, yet progressed to today's fourth round draw.

Newcastle's full back, Anderson, said: "When you see goals like that go in, you can't be blamed for thinking fate is on your side."

The goal which fed his confidence was a cross-shot of at least 30 yards from Gascoigne, who described it as the best of his career. He is unlikely to better it.

George Wood, Crystal Palace's 6ft 3in goalkeeper, said: "I dived for the ball, but it was just a gesture. I knew it was a goal from the moment it left his foot."

Newcastle's manager, Willie McFaul, said: "It was a superb strike, but we've been telling him for weeks to shoot on sight."

The goal came in the 39th minute of a first half which Newcastle controlled despite facing a fierce wind.

Palace, who had a fourth-minute goal by Pardew disallowed for hand-ball, did create several second half chances. But Newcastle's impressive breaks made a mockery of manager Steve Coppell's claim that Palace deserved a replay.

Gascoigne left the Palace manager even more bemused as he had the last word after the whistle. "He came across to talk to me," Coppell said. "But I couldn't understand a word he was saying."

NEWCASTLE UNITED: G Kelly; J Anderson, K Wharton, J Cornwell, P Jackson, G Reeder, N McDonald, P Gascoigne, P Goddard, M O'Neill (sub: A Craig), D Jackson.
CRYSTAL PALACE: G Wood; G Stebbing, D Burke, A Pardew, G Nebbeling, J Cannon, K O'Doherty (sub: M Bright), G Thomas, P Barber (sub: A Finnigan), I Wright, N Redfearn.
Referee: B Hill.

## WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

### FA Cup
Third round

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| Arsenal | 2 | Millwall | 0 |
| Barnsley | 3 | Bolton | 1 |
| Blackburn | 1 | Portsmouth | 2 |
| Bradford | 2 | Wolves | 1 |
| Brighton | 2 | Bournmth | 0 |
| Coventry | 3 | Torquay | 0 |
| Derby | 1 | Chelsea | 3 |
| Gillingham | 0 | Birmingham | 3 |
| Halifax | 0 | Nottm For | 4 |
| Hartlepool | 1 | Luton | 2 |
| Huddrsfld | 2 | Man City | 2 |
| Leeds | 1 | Aston Villa | 0 |
| Mansfield | 4 | Bath | 0 |
| Newcastle | 1 | C Palace | 0 |
| Oldham | 4 | Tottenham | 4 |
| Oxford | 2 | Leicester | 0 |
| Reading | 0 | Southampto | 1 |
| Scunthrpe | 0 | Blackpool | 0 |
| Sheff Utd | 1 | Middlesbrw | 1 |
| Sheff Wed | 1 | Everton | 1 |
| Shrewsbry | 2 | Bristol R | 0 |
| Stockport | 1 | Leyton O | 2 |
| Stoke | 0 | Liverpool | 0 |
| Sutton U | 1 | Middlsbro | 1 |
| Swindon | 0 | Norwich | 1 |
| Watford | 1 | Hull | 0 |
| West Ham | 2 | Charlton | 0 |
| Wimbledon | 4 | West Brom | 1 |
| Yeovil | 0 | QPR | 3 |

Postponed: Plymouth v Colchester.

### Yesterday

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### GM Vauxhall Conference

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| Altrcham | 2 | Kettering | 2 |
| Barnet | 1 | Cheltnhm | 1 |
| Dagenham | 1 | Kidrminstr | 2 |
| Lincoln | 3 | Fisher | 0 |
| Runcorn | 2 | Enfield | 2 |
| Telford | 2 | Welling | 0 |
| Wldstone | 0 | Wycombe | 0 |

Postponed: Northwich v Boston.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National League: Aberystwyth 3, Barry 1; Bridgend 2, Caerleon 0; Cwmbran 0, Pembroke 0; Milford 4, Blaenrhondda 1; Pontllanfraith 0, Ebbw Vale 0. Postponed: Haverfordwest v Briton Ferry; Maesteg v Llanelli; Ton Pentre v AFC Cardiff.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1, Swanage and Herston 1; Bristol City 1, Dawlish 2; Bristol Manor Farm 2, Bideford 0; Chippenham 1, Minehead 0; Exmouth 2, Mangotsfield 1; Frome 0, Torrington 1; Radstock 3, Paulton 1. Postponed: Clevedon v Clandown; Weston-super-Mare v Taunton.

### Barclays League
Third division

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| Aldershot | 0 | Walsall | 1 |
| Brentford | 0 | Northptn | 1 |
| Bury | 2 | Rotherhm | 2 |
| Chester | 1 | Southend | 1 |
| Doncaster | 2 | Fulham | 2 |
| Notts Co | 3 | York | 0 |
| Preston | 2 | Bristol C | 0 |

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| Sunderlnd | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 54 | 24 | 55 |
| Notts Co | 27 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 53 | 23 | 54 |
| Walsall | 27 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 43 | 26 | 51 |
| Wigan | 26 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 42 | 33 | 46 |
| Brighton | 26 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 36 | 28 | 44 |
| Brentford | 27 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 35 | 32 | 44 |
| Northmptn | 27 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 40 | 29 | 41 |
| Bristol C | 26 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 48 | 43 | 40 |
| Fulham | 27 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 40 | 35 | 37 |
| Blackpool | 25 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 34 | 31 | 36 |
| Aldershot | 25 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 45 | 45 | 36 |
| Gillingham | 26 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 51 | 36 | 35 |
| Bury | 27 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 41 | 41 | 35 |
| Chesterfld | 26 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 25 | 42 | 34 |
| Rotherham | 27 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 33 | 40 | 33 |
| Chester | 27 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 33 | 40 | 32 |
| Mansfield | 25 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 31 | 33 | 31 |
| Bristol R | 25 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 31 | 45 | 30 |
| Preston | 27 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 25 | 37 | 29 |
| Port Vale | 25 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 27 | 32 | 27 |
| Grimsby | 26 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 31 | 41 | 23 |
| Southend | 27 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 36 | 58 | 23 |
| Doncaster | 27 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 28 | 51 | 22 |
| York | 27 | 2 | 8 | 17 | 27 | 57 | 14 |

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Crusaders 2; Ballymena 3, Newry 4; Distillery 1, Coleraine 2; Glenavon 0, Linfield 3; Glentoran 1, Portadown 0. Postponed: Larne v Carrick.

WELSH FA CUP: Fourth round: Cardiff 3, Port Talbot 0.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 0, Leytonstone-Ilford 1; Bishop's Stortford 2, Harrow 1; Bromley 0, Dulwich 0; Famborough 2, Bognor 0; Hayes 3, Slough 1; St Albans 1, Leyton-Wingate 2. Postponed: Hitchin v Hendon. First division: Bracknell 1, Grays 2; Chesham 1, Uxbridge 2; Kingsbury 1, Walthamstow Avenue 1; Lewes 1, Wembley 2; Marlow 2, Billericay 2; Staines 3, Basildon 1; Stevenage 2, Worthing 0. Postponed: Southwick v Oxford City. Second division north: Collier Row 2, Vauxhall Motors 2; Hemel Hempstead 0, Wivenhoe 2; Hertford 1, Aveley 1; Heybridge 2, Tilbury 2; Rainham 1, Berkhamsted 2; Royston 2, Witham 2; Ware 4, Tring 0. Postponed: Clapton v Saffron Walden; Finchley v Letchworth GC; Haringey Borough v Harlow. Second division south: Banstead 0, Hanwell 2; Feltham 4, Southall 0; Maidenhead 2, Egham 2; Molesey 1, Ruislip Manor 3; Petersfield 3, Flackwell Heath 1; Yeading 3, Camberley 3. Postponed: Eastbourne United v Dorking; Horsham v Newbury.

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round replay: Supermarine 0, Wootton Bassett 1.

### Fourth division

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| Burnley | 2 | Newport | 0 |
| Crewe | 1 | Cambridge | 1 |
| Darlington | 2 | Carlisle | 1 |
| Exeter City | 3 | Swansea | 1 |
| Hereford | 1 | Tranmere | 1 |
| Peterboro | 1 | Rochdale | 1 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Wolves | 25 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 44 | 20 | 50 |
| Leyton O | 26 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 56 | 35 | 46 |
| Colchester | 26 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 36 | 26 | 46 |
| Cardiff | 25 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 38 | 28 | 43 |
| Scunthorpe | 26 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 44 | 34 | 42 |
| Bolton | 25 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 34 | 25 | 42 |
| Darlington | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 44 | 38 | 42 |
| Torquay | 24 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 38 | 25 | 41 |
| Burnley | 27 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 35 | 40 | 41 |
| Scarboro | 26 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 35 | 29 | 36 |
| Hartlepool | 26 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 32 | 27 | 37 |
| Crewe | 26 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 30 | 33 | 36 |
| Swansea | 27 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 39 | 39 | 36 |
| Peterboro | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 32 | 33 | 36 |
| Cambridge | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 33 | 31 | 35 |
| Halifax | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 31 | 29 | 33 |
| Hereford | 27 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 24 | 31 | 33 |
| Exeter | 26 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 33 | 40 | 32 |
| Tranmere | 27 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 33 | 39 | 31 |
| Wrexham | 25 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 28 | 34 | 29 |
| Carlisle | 26 | 7 | 4 | 15 | 41 | 56 | 25 |
| Stockport | 26 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 22 | 37 | 24 |
| Rochdale | 27 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 27 | 56 | 24 |
| Newport | 25 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 20 | 54 | 12 |

● Tranmere deducted two points and Halifax one point by League.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland 2, Gateshborough 3; Brandon 0, North Shields 4; Chester-le-Street 0, Gretna 0; Consett 0, Blyth 2; Essington 2, Ryhope CA 2; Farryhill 0, Newcastle Blue Star 1; Whitley Bay 6, Whitby 1. Postponed: Tow Law v Shildon.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 4, Belper 0; Grimethorpe MW 2, Long Eaton 3; Hatfield Main 1, Hallam 1; Thackley 3, Brigg 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 1, Atherton LR 0; Colne Dynamoes 4, Boodle 0; Clitheroe 0, Leyland Motors 1; Glossop 0, Ellesmere Port and Neston 3; Formby 1, Skelmersdale 3; St Helens 2, Derwent 1; Salford 1, Colwyn Bay 2; Warrington 0, Rossendale 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 7, Ipswich 1; Gillingham 1, Tottenham 2; Chelsea 4, Southend 1; West Ham 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2. Second division: Brentford 2, Wimbledon 2; Brighton 2, Bristol Rovers 3; Swindon 2, Bournemouth 1; Crystal Palace 1, Tottenham 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Malvernians 1, Old Carthusians 2; Old Reptonians 1, Old Chigwellians 1. First division: Old Ardinians 0, Lancing Old Boys 3; Old Bradfieldians 2, Old Harrowians 1; Old Westminsters 3, Old Aldenhamians 3; Old Wykehamists 0, Old Wellingburians 7.

### Scottish FA Cup
Second round

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| Berwick | 0 | Brechin | 1 |
| Buckie | 2 | E Stirling | 3 |
| Fraserb'gh | 2 | S Johnstne | 5 |
| Gala F | 3 | Civil S. | 0 |
| Queen's Park | 2 | Ayr | 3 |
| Stenhsmuir | 1 | Arbroath | 1 |
| Stranraer | 6 | Keith | 2 |

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 1, Worcester 3; Aylesbury 1, Bromsgrove 2; Burton 1, Nuneaton 1; Corby 3, Chelmsford 2; Crawley 2, Cambridge City 2; Dorchester 2, VS Rugby 0; Leicester United 0, Dartford 1; Willenhall 2, Witney 2. Postponed: Alvechurch v Gosport; Fareham v Bedworth; Redditch v Shepshed. Midland division: Atherstone 0, Banbury 2; Bridgnorth 1, Moor Green 4; Gloucester 5, Dudley 1; Halesowen 2, Mile Oak 2; Hednesford 3, Forest Green 1; Bilston 1, Merthyr Tydfil 5; Stourbdge 2, Grantham 0; Sutton Coldfield 2, Coventry Sporting 1; Trowbridge 0, Rushden 3; Wellingborough 5, Buckingham 3. Postponed: Paget Rangers v King's Lynn. Southern division: Andover 2, Bury 5; Dover 2, Hastings 0; Erith and Belvedere 1, Baldock 0; Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Chatham 1; Ruislip 0, Salisbury 0; Shepper 1, Dunstable 3; Thanet 0, Dunstable 2; Waterlooville 3, Folkestone 1. Postponed: Canterbury v Tonbridge.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: League Cup: First round: Bangor 2, Penrith 1; Clitheroe 2, Morecambe 3; Droylsden 0, Southport 1; Eastwood Hanley 0, Horwich 1; Harrogate 2, Chorley 2; Hyde 1, Worksop 0; Marine 2, South Liverpool 0; Matlock 0, Fleetwood 2; Mossley 0, Barrow 1; Oswestry 0, Goole 2; Sutton Town 4, Radcliffe 2; Workington 1, Buxton 0. Postponed: Gainsborough v Congleton. First division: Farsley 4, Morecambe 1; Lancaster 1, Alfreton 3; Netherfield 1, Stalybridge 2. Postponed: Accrington Stanley v Irlam.

BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Arlesey 2, Tottenhoe 1.

GUINNESS DURHAM CUP: Second round: Crook 1, Coundon TT 0; Esh Winning 4, Herrington CW 1.

OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Morris Motors 3, Chipping Norton 0; Yarnton 1, Kidlington 2; Bicester 2, Blenchingdon 0; Essington 0, Thame 3.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Epsom and Ewell 1, Cobham 2; Tooting and Mitcham 3, Maldon Vale 1; Carshalton 1, Leatherhead 1; Kingstonian 0, Chertsey 0; Metropolitan Police 1, Redhill 0; Walton and Hersham 0, Whyteleafe 0; Woking 1, Croydon 2.

### Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division

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| Dundee Utd | 0 | Falkirk | 0 |
| Dunfermline | 0 | Hearts | 0 |
| Hibernian | 0 | Aberdeen | 0 |
| Millwall | 3 | Dundee | 3 |
| Rangers | 5 | Morton | 0 |
| S Mirren | 1 | Celtic | 1 |

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| Celtic | 29 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 54 | 19 | 45 |
| Hearts | 29 | 16 | 10 | 3 | 52 | 22 | 42 |
| Aberdeen | 29 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 42 | 15 | 42 |
| Rangers | 29 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 54 | 19 | 41 |
| Dundee | 29 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 57 | 36 | 34 |
| Dundee Utd | 29 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 29 | 35 | 27 |
| Hibernian | 29 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 28 | 31 | 26 |
| St Mirren | 29 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 33 | 38 | 25 |
| Motherwell | 29 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 50 | 20 |
| Dunfermline | 29 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 58 | 18 |
| Falkirk | 29 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 56 | 16 |
| Morton | 29 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 21 | 70 | 12 |

### First division

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| Airdrie | 3 | Kilmarnock | 3 |
| Clydebank | 3 | Raith Rov | 1 |
| East Fife | 3 | Dumbarton | 4 |
| Forfar | 0 | Hamilton | 0 |
| Qn of South | 0 | Partick | 0 |

Postponed: Clyde v Meadowbank.

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| Hamilton | 29 | 16 | 7 | 6 | 50 | 26 | 39 |
| Raith R | 29 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 62 | 45 | 35 |
| Meadowbk | 28 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 44 | 35 | 32 |
| Clydebank | 29 | 14 | 4 | 11 | 37 | 40 | 32 |
| Airdrie | 29 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 47 | 45 | 31 |
| Forfar | 29 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 46 | 39 | 30 |
| Clyde | 29 | 12 | 4 | 12 |

FOOTBALL

# Wednesday facing more woe in their Wednesday replay

By Martin Searby

**Sheffield Wednesday ... 1**
**Everton ... 1**

Everton, denied a place in Europe for the last three years, required a goal by Peter Reid nine minutes from time in their effort to keep at least one avenue open this year should UEFA lift the ban on English clubs.

In an inelegant, clumsy FA Cup tie they had at least provided one or two moves with passes silkily strung together but most of their football came in the first 20 minutes and they appeared content to settle for a goalless draw until Wednesday produced a quality move down the left.

Proctor, the home side's best player, fed Worthington on the touchline and when he played the ball forward Marwood, a shadow of his former self, put over a splendidly curved cross. Chapman neatly headed the ball back and West brought the game alive with a cool header.

During the previous 74 minutes Wednesday, playing three centre halves, presumably in the hope that their full backs could push down the flanks, showed an alarmingly inept first touch, with passes that were hit in hope rather than certainty, and Watson, given a free header in front of goal, squandered Everton's best chance.

Ratcliffe retired at half-time with a badly strained groin, with Harper taking over at right back, van den Hauwe moving into the middle and Stevens swapping flanks, a move which hardly hampered Everton, Harper prodncing two fine balls for Clarke to gallop on to and miss Hodge's right-hand post on both occasions.

A game of little quality was reduced even further by wind, rain and the eccentricities of the referee, for whom the game would appear to be a mystery, but the Wednesday goal made Everton fight for their lives, with Reid, the most influential performer on the park, in the thick of things. It was the England midfield player who got involved in a melee on the edge of the box and when the ball broke free to Sharp the equalizer looked a certainty.

Hodge thought so, too, but his shot was not hit cleanly and the goalkeeper, no doubt expecting a thunderbolt, went down too soon, could only weakly parry the ball and the ubiquitous Reid was in position to touch the ball home.

There was still time for Chapman to slap a header against the crossbar from Sterland's long, diagonal ball but Wednesday have the consolation, for their replay on Wednesday, of knowing that they can hardly play any worse at Goodison Park, where they have not won in seven cup matches and only five times in 58 League games.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, N Worthington, L Madden, N Pearson, M Proctor, B Marwood, G Megson, L Chapman, C West, L May.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe (sub: A Harper), D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, W Clarke, G Sharp, I Snodin, I Wilson (sub: A Heath).
Referee: D Hedges.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Records go as Carter catches out the 49ers

Candlestick Park, San Francisco, was set alight in the first of the NFC semi-finals on Saturday afternoon, not with the anticipated 49ers victory, but with a record-breaking display of receiving by Anthony Carter which helped Minnesota to a 36-24 victory, their second surprise win of the play-offs.

In Saturday's AFC match at Cleveland stadium, Indianapolis Colts proved to be no match for the Browns, for whom Earnest Byner scored two touchdowns in their 38-21 win.

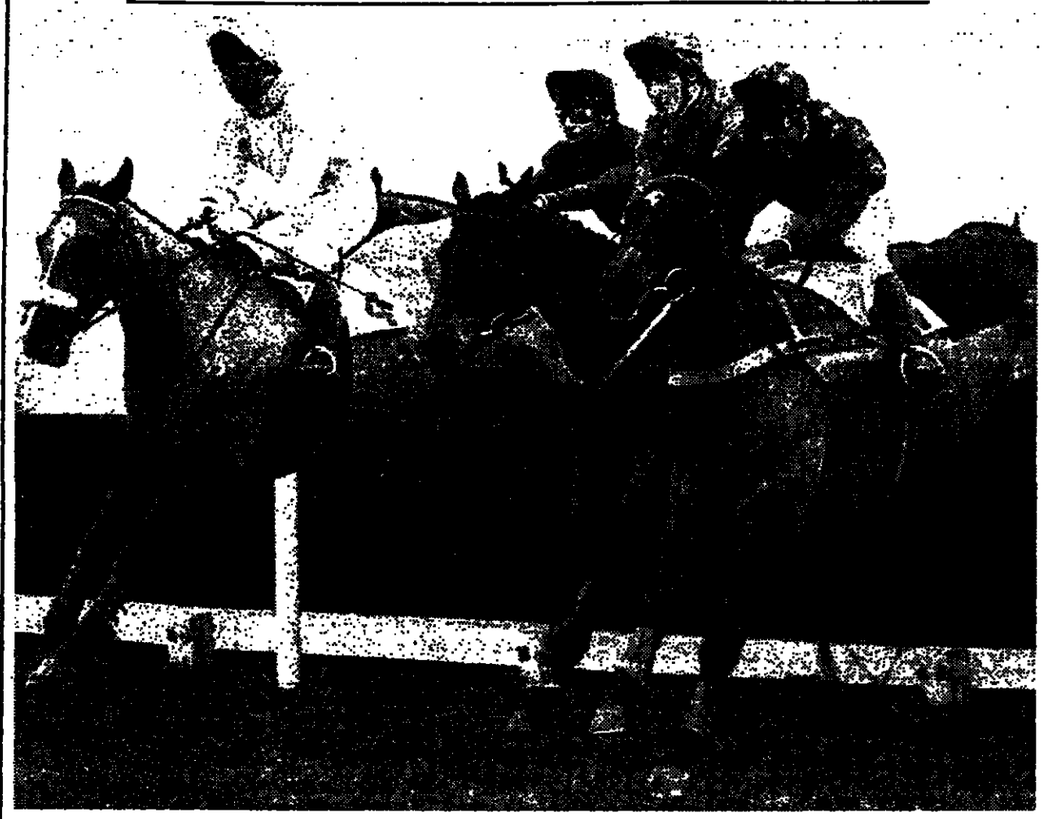
It is Minnesota, though, who have put the *wild* in wild card. Since shocking New Orleans the week before in the wild card game, the Vikings, with a modest regular season record of eight wins and seven defeats, were never expected to overcome the mighty 49ers. But San Francisco — with a league-best record of 13-2 — appeared confused in the first half, falling behind 20-3, and never recovered, so becoming the first team in a decade to fail to reach the Super Bowl after compiling the best regular-season record in the NFC.

With the score at 27-10 midway through the second half and things looking desperate for the 49ers, San Francisco replaced quarterback Joe Montana with Steve Young, and drew to within nine points of Minnesota as Young ran for a five-yard touchdown and passed for another.

But Viking kicker Chuck Nelson hit three straight field goals out of a post-season record of five in the match. Carter was easily the Vikings' MVP, though, his 227 yards receiving breaking a 38-year-old post-season record.

At a frozen Cleveland, the home side's quarterback, Bernie Kosar, had an outstanding game, passing for 230 yards and two touchdowns. On the day, he completed 20 of 31 passes and had one interception.

RACING: DAHLIA FETCHES $1.1M AT BUNKER HUNT'S DISPERSAL



Long Engagement and Steve Smith Eccles (right) hold a narrow advantage over their three rivals, Chelsea Island, partly-hidden Paddyboro and Music Be Magic, on his way to victory at Sandown on Saturday (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

# Elsworth leaps to top as Sandown drama unfolds

By Michael Seely

A modern communications system that would have done credit to ICI led to yesterday's telephone call to Colin Brown being automatically routed to the cellars of the Ibex pub in Chaddleworth.

"Beyond all Rhyme 'N' Reason" would have made a suitable title for Sandown's Saturday thriller, which ended with Brown, the 32-year-old of the hour, driving the 11-8 favourite home seven lengths clear of Queensway Boy to lift David Elsworth to the head of the trainers' table in prize money terms.

"I'm cleaning up and getting ready for the Sunday rush," said mine host cheerfully. "If Ross Arnott hadn't broken his collarbone in the first, I'd have left Sandown."

The sight of top-class chasers in Esher's spectacular amphitheatre has always been guaranteed to set the adrenalin flowing. And the breakdown of Elsworth's horse box, which resulted in Rhyme 'N' Reason arriving at the course only 20 minutes before the first, provided an ideal curtain-raiser to this particular drama.

Let Brown tell the story of the final act as the leaders approached the Railway Fences last time round. "I was a bit worried when Graham Bradley turned to me and said: 'Christ, they've gone.' But my horse does stay on, so I kept punching away without wanting to murder him.

"Suddenly, going to the Pond Fence, both myself and the horse could see that they were starting to die as Bolands Cross and Stearsby dived the jump. In a surprisingly few strides after the second last we were on terms. After that it was the same old tale of Sandown's stiff climb."

Afterwards Brown was interviewed by the stewards and fined £100 for hitting Rhyme 'N' Reason in the wrong places, twice on the stifle and twice on the bony part of the hip. "I've been using the same whip for 15 years and it's the first time I've been done," said the jockey. "But I've got no complaints."

Steve Smith Eccles gave two masterful exhibitions of jockeyship on Away We Go in the Roux Restaurants Tolworth Hurdle and Long Engagement in The Merrill Lynch Europe Handicap Chase.

Away We Go is clearly exceptionally talented, but judged on his three-length defeat by Deep Moment, has some way to go before being considered worthy of a place in the line-up for the Champion Hurdle.

"He's a nice young horse, but ran a bit green," said the jockey. John Jenkins now plans a tilt at the £50,000 Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 13 for the five-year-old, who has been allotted 10st 9lb.

Arguably the most exciting performance of the afternoon was that recorded by Tonight's The Night in the Charles E Merrill Novices' Chase. Jumping like the proverbial stag, the 9-4 favourite was always cantering in the hands of Graham Bradley, before storming up the hill to win by five lengths.

Monica Dickinson was in an exuberant mood. "He jumped beautifully and won so easily. He's got to be a good Sun Alliance prospect if he stays three miles, which I think he will."

# Wincanton may yield Gold Cup pointers

The meeting between Ten Plus and Cavvies Clown in the John Bull Chase at Wincanton on Thursday looks like providing a valuable pointer to the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup on March 17 (Michael Seely writes).

Toby Balding also intends to declare Kildimo, who has been a disappointing favourite behind Playschool on his last two runs. "I certainly haven't lost faith in the horse as he beat Playschool so easily at Cheltenham last March," Balding said. "He's a long-backed horse and needs to get his jumping act together again. He'll only run at Wincanton if the ground dries up."

Other forward news came from David Elsworth about Floyd, Rhyme 'N' Reason and Desert Orchid, as well as Cavvies Clown. "Floyd is back in strong work and seems well in himself. He'll go to Leopardstown on January 30 for the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle."

Talking about Rhyme 'N' Reason, Saturday's gallant Sandown winner, Elsworth went on: "Realistically, on a line through Playschool, who gave him 11lb in the Welsh National, he's not up to Gold Cup standard. But he stays so well and is still improving.

"If you take Nupsala and Forgive'N Forget out, it might not turn out to be a great race. The same kind of remarks apply to Cavvies Clown."

More immediately the trainer plans to run Rhyme 'N' Reason in the Brooke Bond Oxo National at Warwick on January 23. "I'm not a great believer in resting horses when they're thriving physically and in good form. He'll be entered for the National and the Irish National, which he won in 1985."

The highlight of this week's racing promises to be the £25,000 Victor Chandler Handicap at Ascot on Saturday. Pearlyman, Desert Orchid, Long Engagement and Panto Prince are all under orders for what promises to be the most significant two-mile event of the season to date.

With a 4lb penalty for Saturday's win, Long Engagement will be carrying 10st 9lb. Pearlyman, the champion two miler and officially the best jumper in training, is set to carry 12 stone with Desert Orchid on 11st 11lb.

"David Nicholson has just booked me to ride Long Engagement again as Richard Dunwoody will still be out of action," said Steve Smith Eccles yesterday. "He's the most improved two-miler in training and must have a great chance."

# Arsenal find the right time to return to winning ways

By Vince Wright

**Arsenal ... 2**
**Millwall ... 0**

Arsenal firmly shut the door on Millwall's hopes of causing an FA Cup upset. The fourth-placed second division team, having gained 10 points from their previous four matches, approached this third round tie at Highbury on Saturday in better heart than Arsenal, who have recently seen their championship aspirations bite the dust. Arsenal, however, were in no mood to experience another set-back and their passage into the fourth round was easier than expected.

This is the ideal time for Arsenal to return to winning ways, for the next four games could make or break their season. On Saturday Arsenal travel to Anfield in an attempt to check Liverpool's progress and the following Wednesday they are away to Sheffield Wednesday in the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup. Arsenal's third fixture is a televised home match against Manchester United on January 24 and they round off the month with an FA Cup fourth round tie.

Fighting on the terraces among the day's best crowd of 42,083 over-shadowed what was happening on the pitch — which was not much — and this plus a persistent drizzle and swirling wind, made for a depressing afternoon.

The Millwall manager, John Docherty, was right when he said that his side took 25 minutes to settle down. By that time Arsenal were two goals in front and the game was won and lost. Millwall were at full strength, which was surprising considering that they reported so many injuries during the week. But the return after injury of Walker and McLeary to the defence did not have the desired effect.

Their rustiness was apparent as early as the tenth minute when Hayes, sent clear by the industrious Richardson, scored his first goal of the season with a clever lob over Horne. Thirteen minutes later Millwall's defence was again at fault when a long throw by Sansom was allowed to reach Rocastle, whose crisp shot from eight yards found the net.

There was a more solid look about Millwall in the second half as Arsenal tended to rest on their laurels, but the visitors' pressure produced only one chance. That fell to Sheringham near the end, only for Lukic and Winterburn to come to Arsenal's rescue. So Arsenal obtained their first victory in seven matches and Millwall were left to concentrate fully on gaining promotion to the first division. Because of their supporters' notorious reputation there will be many who fervently hope that they do not make it.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; N Winterburn, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, M Hayes, A Smith, P Merson (sub: P Groves), K Richardson.
MILLWALL: B Horne; D Salman, N Coleman, K Stevens, A Walker, A McLeary, K O'Callaghan, L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, J Carter.
Referee: A Gunn.

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# Title win in Japan by Gordon

By Nicolas Soames

Elvis Gordon, of Wolverhampton, the world open weight silver medal winner, became the firstBriton to win a major championship title in Japan yesterday when he took the open category of the Shoriki Cup in Tokyo — and did so in spectacular style.

The 29-year-old former power-lifter, who has matured into a formidable fighter since his world championship success last year, threw both Withers (Australia) and Nakabayashi (Japan) for ippon (full point), won a clear decision from Sekine (Japan), and then dismissed Kim (South Korea) in the final with two part-scores from his now well-known leg-throw counter.

"I wasn't as fit as I was in the world championships because of Christmas, but I am feeling more confident than ever," Gordon said. "I know that I am faster than most heavyweights and more stable too, and now all I can think of is working hard to build up for the European championships in May and the Olympics in September."

Gordon stays in Japan for a training month with the rest of the British team, returning in time for the Paris Tournament on February 12.

# Coventry beat the sand trap

By Dennis Shaw

**Coventry City ... 2**
**Torquay United ... 0**

Coventry City's opening shots in defence of the FA Cup left the uneasy impression that the situation they feared most is now upon them. "We don't wish to be remembered as one-season-wonders," was their theme on that golden May day when they won the trophy for the first time.

Seven months on, Wembley's green carpet had been replaced by a soggy Highfield Road sand trap. More significantly, a team remembered for their famous performance against Tottenham was now a collection of very ordinary mortals.

"We can't play the sort of football we want to on *that* pitch," offered John Sillett, the team manager, indicating the sand, heaped on to absorb excess rainwater. Nearer the truth, maybe, was his joking observation that perhaps they should have laid it three months earlier, this being their first home win since early October.

The names are much the same but the product Coventry produce has lost its sparkle. A midfield department which once ran the show was almost anonymous, while the international pair of Regis and Speedie was upstaged for a full hour by Caldwell, who has the ability if not the ambition to play at a higher league level.

"What disappoints me," said Cyril Knowles, the Torquay manager, "is that we were the better team, created far more chances, yet lost to an unnecessary penalty, and a goal by Regis, when he knows that he handled the ball first."

No one argued with that assessment. Coventry's goals, two in two minutes, did seem to drop out of the sky. Impey's tackle on Phillips need not have been made, since there was little threat, but it allowed Coventry's only confident player, Kilcline to shoot them into an undeserved lead.

Then, with the referee on the blind side and the linesman too far away to be sure, Regis controlled the ball with his hand and ensured Coventry's fourth-round place.

COVENTRY CITY: Ogrizovic; B Borrows, G Downs, L McGrath, B Kilcline, K Smith, D Bennett, D Phillips, C Regis, D Speedie, M Gynn.
TORQUAY UNITED: K Allen; J McNichol, T Kelly, S Haslegrave, D Cole, J Impey (sub: A Pearce), D Dawkins, P Lloyd, D Caldwell, M Loram, R Musker (sub: M Gardiner).
Referee: N Butler.

# Paulson secures $1m trio

By a Special Correspondent

Allen Paulson, who sold his aircraft manufacturing company to invest wholeheartedly in racing and breeding stock, was the leading buyer on the first day of the Nelson Bunker Hunt dispersal sale, at Keeneland, Kentucky, on Saturday.

Paulson, who raced in partnership with Bunker Hunt for several years, bought all three of the mares which fetched more than $1m.

The top price was $1.35m for the seven-year-old Fargaze, by Lyphard out of dual French classic winner Gazala and in foal to Alydar, but much more interesting was the $1.1m which he paid for Dahlia.

Few 18-year-old barren mares could command a bid, but Dahlia is one of the greats. She won 11 group one races, including two King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and two Benson and Hedges Gold Cups, and earned a total of $1m 535,443 in her racing career.

She has already produced two group one winners, Dahar and Rivlia.

Dahlia will be mated with Paulson's Breeders' Cup Turf winner, Theatrical, who now stands at their owner's new Kentucky stud, Brookside Farms North.

Paulson also bought the 1974 Queen Mary Stakes winner, Highest Trump, for $1.05m, but he was less interested in yearlings and two of the most attractive lots fell to the Maktoum brothers at what could prove bargain prices.

Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud Management paid $1.3m for a filly by Northern Dancer out of Dahlia, foaled on March 18, while Maktoum Al-Maktoum's Shadwell Estate Company picked up Highest Trump's February-foaled yearling filly by Nijinsky for $850,000.

The 288 lots sold on the first day made a total of $21.4m, which was a little below what the Hunt camp had hoped for.

# O'Neill purchases exciting prospect

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The Irish mounted a successful defence of The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on Saturday, but earlier in the day had surrendered possession of the country's most talked about jumping prospect, Vicario Di Bray.

Limerick owner-trainer Hugh McMahon reported a sale to Jonjo O'Neill after a Ir£100,000 deal involving another Irish trainer, Pat Hughes, fell through when his patron failed to come up with the money.

Vicario Di Bray is reputed to be the most exciting National Hunt horse to emerge since Dawn Run and while his track record to date consists of a single unchallenged win in an amateur riders' flat race at Limerick over Christmas, he had earlier shown outstanding hurdling ability in a schooling hurdle involving 20 other horses.

Arthur Moore has dominated The Ladbroke, formerly the Sweeps hurdle, with Saturday's winner, Roark, representing his fifth victory in Ireland's most valuable handicap hurdle.

The most remarkable aspect of Roark's triumph was that he was only Moore's second choice for the race and if his stable mate Feroda had not met with a setback a fortnight ago Roark would not even have run.

The man in the background of the Roark story is George Wells, one of the veterans of the Irish racing scene. After Roark had broken down when favourite for the 1986 Triumph Hurdle, his Anglo-Irish partnership of London builders Peter Leeper and John Duffy sent him to Wells to see if he could get him sound again. Wells achieved this objective although the winning trainer said: "If Roark ever gets a leg again that will be the end of the story."

Roark won The Ladbroke with great ease having been backed from 8-1 down to 5-1 on the course. He was only cantering at the second-last hurdle before drawing clear of the pacemaking Shannen Spray.

The big flop was the English-trained favourite, Sprowston Boy, who was up in the first five to halfway but then fell dropped right out of contention to finish last, a dismal showing which prompted the local stewards to order a veterinary examination.

The winner will return to Leopardstown next month for the Wessel Cable Irish Champion Hurdle and will be an entry for the Cheltenham equivalent.

Moore had a day to remember as Roark was his fourth scorer, his three earlier winners being Bonalma, Have A Barney and Thinking Cap.

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SKIING: WORLD CHAMPION MISSES OUT AFTER AFTER CABLE-LIFT CRASH

# Zurbriggen defies the elements

From David Miller
Val D'Isère

Frederic Tournier, the owner of the halfway-stage restaurant on the downhill course here, lost control of his snow tractor on Saturday morning when taking up fresh provisions, crashed into a cable-lift pylon and lost his life. Peter Mueller, the world champion, was in the last cabin just to have left the bottom station when the accident happened. There is no knowing whether this unnerving experience cost him Saturday's World Cup race.

Mueller had been fastest in Friday's final trial. Now he had to climb down a ladder to safety, in view of the pylon leaning crazily downhill where three others had also been injured. Subsequently first man down the course in the season's third downhill race, Mueller recorded a time that would gain him no better than fifteenth position, some 1.2 seconds slower than Pirmin Zurbriggen, the winner.

Zurbriggen, runner-up to Mueller in the World Championship at Crans last year, had been still waiting to take a cabin up the mountain, and was therefore possibly less affected. It was, however, a spectacular performance by Zurbriggen, the Olympic favourite, with the fastest performance ever recorded down the Bellvarde Rock course on what is regarded by the experts as too easy a challenge to distinguish the men from the boys.

Zurbriggen, nonetheless, is the supreme competitor. On the final training run he had been only fifth fastest. As usual, he was not practicing with his downhill racing skis. These are four years old, and exclusively kept for race days so as not to lose their rigidity. On Saturday, he skied the perfect race to beat Steiner, of Austria, and Girardelli, Luxembourg's Austrian immigrant, by half a second.

A critical factor in the race was the weather, though it did nothing to assist Zurbriggen. After the first 20 starters, including Martin Bell, had run, the sun came out and perceptibly quickened the surface. Bell had raced excellently, and at that stage of the competition was confidently standing ninth, some 1.6 seconds only behind Zurbriggen. In the next 20 minutes the sun transformed the results.

Steiner, starting 28th, jumped into second place ahead of Girardelli, who had been seventh out of the gate; and five others after Steiner were to finish in front of Martin Bell. "I was really pleased with my performance...and then the sun came out," Bell said, shrugging with resignation at finally finishing eighteenth. "The important thing is the closeness of my time difference behind the winner."

No fewer than nine competitors who are ahead of Bell in the World Cup downhill standings now finished behind him; including Boyd, the fancied young Canadian, who may be suffering more from his recently injured neck than he cares to admit. Disappointed and disconcerted, he finished 21st.

Yet Saturday's results, Zurbriggen apart, are little real indication of current form for the rest of the season and for the Olympic crown. The majority of the top competitors regard the course here as too easy, and are particularly disappointed with the cancellation through lack of snow of the formidable race at Kitzbuhel.

On a domestic, though worthy, note, Graham Bell, 75th out of the gate, finished a creditable 52nd, a bare three seconds behind the winner and a huge encouragement in his recovery from injury and operation. He now really has a smell of the leaders once more: though in a way he was still disappointed.

Over the top timed phase of the course he was 35th. "I guess I skied worse than my skis did," he said reflectively, the top section being that where ski quality is an essential factor in gliding. He had marginally failed to live up to that early advantage, yet is showing that by the end of this season he could become a rival to his brother and indeed to some of those above him.

RESULTS: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1min, 57.10sec; 2, A Steiner (Austria), 1:57.64; 3, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:57.87; 4, F Piccard (Fr), 1:57.79; 5, M Wasmeier (G), 1:57.87; 6, C Pla (Fr), 1:57.91; 7, W Besse (Switz), 1:58.02; 8, L Stock (Austria), 1:58.02; 9, B Stanmark (Can), 1:58.11; 10, K Alpiger (Switz), 1:58.16; 11, H-J Tauscher (WG), 1:58.18; 12, G Piccolruaz (It), 1:58.28; 13, P Vermeet (Fr), 1:58.34; 14, H Hinterseer (Austria), 1:58.38; 15, P Mueller (Switz), 1:58.51; Bell, 18, M Bell, 1:58.71; 52, G Bell, 2:00.30; 54, N Smith, 2:00.36; 71, R Duncan, 2:01.41.

# Curley thwarted on bet

Barney Curley, after unsuccessfully negotiating with bookmakers at Sandown Park on Saturday, has now given up all hope of securing a wager for training 10 winners before the end of April (Christopher Goulding writes).

Curley landed a bet of £275,000 to £126,000 when he trained 10 winners in three months before the end of last year.

The Irishman said yesterday: "There is nothing doing. I had hoped to secure a bet at Sandown on Saturday, but all they would offer was 13-8. This was not good enough as the weather plays an important part and the horses are not that good."

# Ray of hope at Newton Abbot

Racing faces another blank day today — the fourth of 1988 — but prospects are bright for a return to action at Newton Abbot tomorrow.

Ivor Lang, clerk of the course at the Devon track, said yesterday: "Things are improving here. We have a decent day today and we're hoping for the same tomorrow. If the weather doesn't deteriorate, we could race."

Ten of last week's 14 meetings were washed out and today's programmes at Chepstow and Wolverhampton both fell by the wayside yesterday. Tomorrow's other fixture at Leicester was also called off yesterday, bringing the total lost this season to 34.

Plumpton, where racing is due to take place on Wednesday, could well be added to that tally after tomorrow's 11am inspection. However, the outlook for Wednesday's other meeting at Kelso is good.

● Roark is 8-1 joint-favourite with the sponsors for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 13 following Saturday's Leopardstown triumph. Stepaside Lord, now 20-1 from 33-1, was the best backed outsider at the weekend. Leading prices: 8-1 Roark, High Knowl, 10-1 Protection, 12-1 Away We Go, 16-1 Osric, 20-1 bar.

# Wasmeier establishes credentials for Calgary

From Ian Macleod
Val D'Isère

Markus Wasmeier, of West Germany, yesterday won the first men's World Cup Super Giant slalom of the season, when he waltzed through the 45 gates of the 2,465-metre piste in 1min 29.16sec.

The testimony to Wasmeier's skiing was the margin of half a second which separated him from Franck Piccard, of France, who finished second. It was the sixth World Cup victory of the West German's career.

Pirman Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, the winner of Saturday's downhill, was third. Zurbriggen is now only five points behind Alberto Tomba, of Italy, fifth here yesterday, in the overall standings.

With five seeded racers, the Super-G is the Germans' strongest discipline. Wasmeier, the champion of two seasons ago, felt the victory was most opportune with the Olympic Games only a month away.

Wasmeier had finished 41st on Saturday, having changed skis at the last moment when news of Rob Boyd's poor time filtered through to the top. He said the course was "very challenging. It suited the good, technical skiers."

He added: "It was bumpier today and the light covering of snow made it harder. It was more difficult for the late starters as those racing between numbers five and 10 broke up the course."

Wasmeier, who had a start number of 14, expressed his delight at the way he had skied, although he felt thoughts of Olympic glory were premature. "Calgary is another day; anything can happen," he said.

RESULTS: 1, M Wasmeier (WG), 1min 29.16sec; 2, F Piccard (Fr), 1:29.45; 3, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:29.85; 4, G Mader (Austria), 1:29.87; 5, A Tomba (It), 1:29.99; 6, L Stock (Austria), 1:30.35; 7, H Mayer (Austria), 1:30.61; 8, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:30.68; 9, L Eriksson (Swe), 1:30.76; 10, H Enn (Austria), 1:30.76; 11, M Hengl (Switz), 1:30.77; 12, H Strolz (Austria), 1:31.13; 13, H Holzer (It), 1:31.36; =14, D Mahrer (Switz), P Wirnsberger (Austria), 1:31.47; Britain: 37, N Smith, 1:32.33; 67, M Bell, 1:33.51; 69, G Bell, 1:35.58; 97, R Duncan, 1:37.31. Leading Overall World Cup positions: 1, Tomba, 136pts; 2, Zurbriggen, 131; 3, Mader, 87; 4, Strolz, 76; 5, Mayer, 66; 6, Girardelli, 47; 7, Mahrer, 40; 8, M Mair (It), 37; =9, H Preinfalk (Aut), I Stenmark (Swe), R Boyd (Can), 36; 12, H Pieren (Switz), 33; =13, F Woerndl (WG), Piccard, 32; 15, J Gaspoz (Switz), 30.

## Portsmouth prize

Portsmouth have been given the Barclays Performance of the Week award by the England manager, Bobby Robson, and his panel of judges following their victories over Southampton, in the League, and Blackburn Rovers in the FA Cup.

## Busy at Brands

Brands Hatch is to stage 66 race meetings during 1988, including 12 international events — the highest for any motor sport circuit in Europe.

## Saturday's results

### Sandown Park

1.0 1, Gilt Bronze (5-1); 2, Spaciel (15-1); 3, Bags (25-1). Silver Ocean 11-4 fav. 18 ran.

1.30 1, Tonights The Night (8-4 fav); 2, Royal Stag (14-1); 3, Majestic Buck (11-4). 7 ran.

2.0 1, Rhyme 'N' Reason (11-8 fav); 2, Queensway Boy (66-1); 3, The Langholm Dyer (11-2). 6 ran.

2.35 1, Away We Go (4-6 fav; Michael Seely's mop); 2, Deep Moment (5-1); 3, Merry Junior (25-1). 11 ran.

3.5 1, Long Engagement (5-4 fav); 2, Paddyboro (7-4); 3, Music Be Magic (11-4). 4 ran.

3.35 1, Under Offer (12-1); 2, Nick The Brief (12-1); 3, Little Serenity (8-1); 4, Maxadee (D Gallagher. 20-1). Mr Kirby 100-30 fav. 19 ran. NR: Roscoe Harvey.

### Leopardstown

12.55 1, Bonalma (7-4 fav); 2, Diamond Merchant (8-1); 3, Viascorit (25-1). 8 ran.

1.25 1, Big James (11-4); 2, El-Sid Senor (8-4 fav); 3, Rock-Tee (10-1). 9 ran.

1.55 1, Have A Barney (7-2 j-fav); 2, Trimar Gold (16-1); 3, Smell Run (7-1). Bruges 7-2 j-fav. 12 ran.

2.25 1, Thinking Cap (3-4 fav); 2, Flying Whisper (5-1); 3, Clondrohid (8-1). 10 ran. NR: Shaheenarinky.

3.0 THE LADBROKE (result above)

3.30 1, Quantative (Evens fav); 2, On The Steel (14-1); 3, Windfield Angel (12-1). 11 ran.

3.55 1, Redundant Pal (6-4 fav); 2, Main Avenue (20-1); 3, Allwee Dawn (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Cant Be Done, What About Me.

## Jump leaders

### TRAINERS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Runs | Total points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Pipe | 53 | 37 | 19 | 8 | -12.63 |
| W Stephenson | 44 | 25 | 34 | 3 | -33.76 |
| G Richards | 41 | 27 | 28 | 3 | -33.11 |
| J Gifford | 39 | 31 | 28 | 3 | +82.58 |
| D Elsworth | 28 | 19 | 17 | 1 | -4.32 |
| G Moore | 26 | 13 | 10 | 3 | +7.46 |
| T Forster | 28 | 20 | 24 | 3 | -19.61 |
| D Nicholson | 25 | 18 | 17 | 1 | -7.55 |

### JOCKEYS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Rides | Total points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P Scudamore | 69 | 54 | 51 | 17 | -45.39 |
| P Tuck | 45 | 26 | 21 | 2 | -44.00 |
| C Grant | 38 | 31 | 30 | 5 | -39.20 |
| S Sherwood | 37 | 39 | 25 | 8 | -34.28 |
| R Dunwoody | 32 | 32 | 41 | 6 | -92.33 |
| G McCourt | 32 | 23 | 22 | 3 | +32.63 |
| M Hammond | 27 | 16 | 11 | 0 | +16.34 |
| C Llewellyn | 26 | 21 | 18 | 0 | -5.67 |

RUGBY UNION: THE NOSE-BREAKING INCIDENT THAT MIGHT HAVE SAVED THE FACE OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRIAL

# Disciplinary penny has yet to drop for some Welsh players

By Gerald Davies

**Probables ..... 6**
**Possibles ..... 14**

With the help of a couple of more withdrawals and the loss of their lock forward, David Waters, after the first lineout, the Welsh trial contrived to go the way of its English counterpart as the probable national team lost by two tries and two penalties to a penalty and a dropped goal.

After Moriarty had dropped out on Friday, Hadley, in shifting furniture, trapped a nerve and withdrew on Saturday morning. Such are the hazards of domestic routine before a trial match. But what happened to Waters was no ordinary mishap and gives cause to wonder. He had his nose broken at the first lineout and within a minute or so of the start. The touch judge intervened to draw the referee's attention to the fact that a punch had been thrown. The referee lectured Mark Jones and awarded a penalty to the Possibles.

At the end of a poor match there were many who wondered what purpose a trial served. Dare I say that it will have proved its worth if, by that single unworthy incident, the Welsh selectors indicate that they will not tolerate such behaviour by not picking the culprit.

It is the players' responsibility to draw the line; for them to remember that Twickenham beckons first; and to remember, with a shudder, last year's inglorious charade of a game. Will the penny, for certain players, ever drop?

As a result of the incident the Probables pack had to be reshuffled, with Thomas moving up to lock and Perego, the Llanelli flanker, coming on to play at No. 8. It never looked to begin with, nor did it prove, to be satisfactory. With Collins going off in the second half, to be replaced by Mark Davies, the pack looked anything but Probable. On the other hand, the Possibles pack, while not entirely convincing, did at least play with a sense of unison and urgency.

Tony Gray, the Welsh coach, expressed disappointment at the outcome but did not feel that it was entirely worthless. "A trial is an opportunity for assessment," he said. "It can confirm certain thoughts you have for some players."

Three of the Llanelli players did much to prompt the junior side's success. Phil Davies, as captain, motivated the team as well as making a very personal point that Moriarty will not get it all his own way at No. 8. Davies emphasized his form and pack leadership qualities.

May, the evergreen lock, who has been there or thereabouts for many a year to claim an international place, and about whom his club colleagues feel they never play as well without him, must surely this time have a good chance; Jonathan Griffiths, not one to be overawed by all the plaudits for Jones, made a bold bid and got a try which he thoroughly deserved; and Phillips had a good match, as did Mike Griffiths at loosehead prop.

All these could be said to have enhanced their claims for places in the Welsh team. About the backs not much could be said. If Griffiths had a fine game, Jones had an unsteady one behind a discomfited pack.

If Gray may take a crumb of comfort from these individual performances, there was none in the style of the forward play as a whole. The rucking and mauling and winning of second-phase possession were nowhere near international standard. Far too many players failed to stay on their feet, often ending in a heap and losing sight of the ball. As a match, it was ponderous.

Mason had kicked a penalty after a short-arm tackle on Nigel Davies and Watkins was awarded a try as the Possibles pack shoved their way over from a maul near the line. Jonathan Davies dropped a goal just before half-time. Afterwards Mason and Thorburn exchanged penalties in a largely uneventful second half and, after charging away from a ruck in the Probables half, Bryant found Griffiths on his side to get the try.

PROBABLES: P Thorburn (Neath); I Evans (Llanelli), K Hopkins (Swansea), M Ring (Pontypool), P Lewis (Llanelli); J Davies (Llanelli, captain), R Jones (Swansea); A Buchanan (Llanelli), K Phillips (Neath), D Young (Swansea), G Roberts (Cardiff), H Richards (Neath), D Waters (Newport, rep: M Perego, Llanelli), R Collins (South Wales Police, rep: M Davies, Swansea), J Thomas (Swansea).
POSSIBLES: J Mason (Pontypridd); R Wintle (London Welsh), M Hall (Bridgend), N Davies (Llanelli), C Davies (Llanelli); A Clement (Swansea), J Griffiths (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Bridgend), I Watkins (Ebbw Vale), P Edwards (Bridgend), R Phillips (Neath), P May (Llanelli), M Jones (Neath), D Bryant (Bridgend), P Davies (Llanelli, captain)
Referee: C Norling (WRU).



Neath above all: Mark Jones outjumps Richards for lineout ball at the Arms Park

# Scottish ready for trip to Borders

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

**London Scottish ..... 13**
**Gosforth ..... 8**

Since London Scottish have spent much of this season reintroducing each other to old friends, they will have been gratified to beat Gosforth at the Athletic Ground on Saturday by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to two tries. In so doing they moved up to fourth place in the Courage Clubs championship second division and seem likely to maintain respectability.

This season Scottish have worked their way through 48 players in the first XV and all of Saturday's side have been out at one time or another through injury. Put the representative calls of the Anglo-Scots on top of that, plus the inexperience of several players and you have a recipe for inconsistency. Moreover their captain, Paterson-Brown, was away at the weekend on business and their other hyphens, the Campbell-Lamertons, including Jeremy, the international lock, have been injured.

It took time, therefore, for the Scottish to put together their act, all the first half in fact after which they trailed 8-4. In the second their ball-winning, on a gusty, moist afternoon, was altogether more admirable, particularly at the lineout where Tosh concentrated on his jumping and his colleagues looked after the older Gosforth heads who had been knocking him out of his stride earlier on.

Gosforth lost Whisker, their full back, playing his 100th game, midway through the second half with a pulled hamstring but their best moments had come earlier, when Petyt handled well to put colleagues clear. However it was Whisker who made the extra man to give Elliot space for a run for the corner which Russell should have stopped, but did not.

That try levelled matters after Glen had nipped in at the heels of his pack and Walker showed that Gosforth could do the same when his forwards wheeled on the Scottish line. At that stage Gosforth looked the more likely winners but the Scottish pack held together well and gave the tearaway back row a platform off which to play.

Richardson did many useful things and finally the Scottish remembered they had Renwick on the left wing — a player who, by all accounts, is unlucky not to be winning his first cap against Ireland this coming Saturday.

Chesworth, who played an influential role in the second half, carried his side deep into the Gosforth 22, McEwan made sure they stayed there and though a long mis-pass looked to have slowed the backs down, Renwick's speed and decision earned him the try which, with Chesworth's conversion, gave Scottish the lead. The stand-off half also kicked a penalty but Scottish were not out of the wood; Gosforth's last shot, a sweeping move from their own half, threatened a try until Smallwood popped up in midfield and knocked on in front of the posts.

Defeat leaves Gosforth in the bottom four but they have three home league games to come. Victory leaves Scottish in better heart for next Saturday's long haul to Hawick for what they conjecture is their first fixture with the Border club.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Tries: Glen, Renwick. Conversion: Chesworth. Penalty: Chesworth. Gosforth: Tries: Elliot, Walker.
LONDON SCOTTISH: C Russell; J Beazley, D Caskie, A McEwan, L Renwick; N Chesworth, S Glen; N Weir, I Kirk, T Borthwick, D Buchanan, A Rhodes, D Tosh, I Morrison, C Richardson.
GOSFORTH: J Whisker (rep: A Campbell); D Ogilvie, R Wilkinson, R Petyt, A Elliot; D Johnson, D Walker; D Nunn, R Parker, I Shanks, D Davidson, T Roberts, K Westgarth, N Frankland, G Smallwood.
Referee: G Seddon (Manchester).

# Dedication of Francis in question

By George Ace

**Blackrock College ..... 13**
**Lansdowne ..... 15**

Neil Francis scored a vital four points for Lansdowne at Stradbrook on Saturday when they defeated Blackrock College. But that apart, the big No. 8's game, his first at senior level this season, was cloaked in anonimity.

Two Irish selectors were present, primarily to watch Francis, whose performances in the second row for Leinster last season underlined his immense potential.

Francis has all the physical attributes required to fill that potential, but whether he has the dedication is a moot point. His meanderings about the pitch on Saturday did not give the impression that he was fully committed to the job on hand.

Brendan Mullin, on the other hand, was more like the player we know. His defence in a torrid opening half was of a high order and his running and slick passing in the second period were major factors in Blackrock's stirring finish, which nearly buried Lansdowne's championship hopes.

Trailing 6-15 with the game in the final quarter, Blackrock College scored a penalty and a try before the final whistle, which must have sounded as the sweetest music of the afternoon to Lansdowne and their supporters.

SCORERS: Blackrock College: Tries: Francis, Keogh. Conversion: D Coakley. Penalty, D Coakley. Lansdowne: Try: Miller. Conversion: Dilger. Penalties: Dilger (3).
BLACKROCK COLLEGE: C Dunne; P Gardiner, C Coakley, B Mullin, M Keogh; D Coakley, S O'Bierne; J Langbroek, C Molloy, J Moran; P Coghlan, M Colclough; L Monaghan, C Dempsey, N Francis.
LANSDOWNE: B Poland; D Moore, W Dawson, P Cinch, P Purcell; G Dilger, N Downes; T Clancy, W Burns, D Fitzgerald; C Quinn, V Ryan; P O'Connor, M Ryan, P Collins.
Referee: J West (Leinster).

# Welsh seek the spark they need to rekindle flame

By Bryan Stiles

**London Welsh ..... 11**
**Bath ..... 35**

Time was when Bath would have viewed with trepidation a visit to Old Deer Park. Now they can take less than half a side there and whip the living daylights out of the exiled Welsh. Bath's victory on Saturday by two goals, five tries, and one penalty goal to two tries and a penalty was comprehensive.

It would be unwise, either, to claim this as a turning point in the misfortunes of a Bath team struggling to recapture the glories of the past four seasons, or as evidence of a further decline in London Welsh. The gulf between the teams in talent and experience has been too wide for several seasons.

The Welsh cause has not been helped either with their coach, Iestyn Thomas, having returned to his native mountains to raise sheep. The exiles are seeking inspiration from other quarters, though. There is even talk of enlisting the aid of some illustrious sons of Wales, who once graced the world's rugby stage. It is not certain that Cliff Morgan and John Taylor yet know that they are among those likely to be asked if they will take a coaching session or two at Old Deer Park to try and rekindle the flame.

Without a regular coach to prepare them the young dragons huffed and puffed with a refreshing vigour, and their fiery charges did prove troublesome at times but their play makers lack the kind of calm assurance that players like Palmer and Hall, the England internationals, bring with them into the arena. It is to be hoped they retain their enthusiasm while the layers of experience are accumulated.

Bath's approach is more pragmatic. They have the redoubtable Jack Rowell as their coach, who has directed them to four national cup triumphs, and they have called in a conditioning adviser to ensure they are properly prepared.

Bath were without nine regulars yet, with the wind at their backs in the first half, ran in four tries, through Jones, Morrison, Swift and Maslen to establish a 23-4 lead, the Welsh try coming from Evans, their captain, and liveliest forward.

In the second half Bath registered tries through Swift, Morrison and Trick in answer to a penalty from Humphries and a try by Goslin.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Tries: Evans, Goslin. Penalty goal: Humphries. Bath: Tries: Jones, Morrison (2), Swift (2), Maslen, Trick. Conversions: Cue (2). Penalty: Cue.
LONDON WELSH: N Humphries; P Roblin, I Goslin, N Jenkins (rep: N Cedarwall), S Pitt; C Price, G Thomas; J Davies, K Davies, R Thomas S Page, G Llewelyn, M Hall, J Evans, T Waldron.
BATH: P Cue; D Trick, K Hoskin, J Guscott, T Swift (rep: B Whitehead); J Palmer, R Hill; C Lilley, B Glforist, R Lee, K Withey, J Morrison, M Jones, N Maslen, J Hall.
Referee: J A F Trigg (London).

# Buckton shines in the mud

By Michael Stevenson

**Liverpool St Helens ..... 15**
**Blackheath ..... 0**

The strong wind off the East Lancs Road and the mud were the operative factors in Liverpool St Helens' meeting with Blackheath at Moss Lane on Saturday, which left Blackheath still seeking their first Courage League second division win and the winners very much in contention for promotion.

The packs tended to cancel each other out, so that either side's eight-man shove could send the opposition rocketing back but in the loose and outside the scrum, LSH's superiority, though slight, was definite. In Buckton, discarded by the North's selectors, LSH contributed to man-of-the-match and, notably, his defensive qualities and tackling were as prominent as his attacking skills.

Chris O'Toole, at scrum-half for the winners, had an excellent match and his partner, Simms, certainly did not let his side or his partner down; but LSH would probably function better if he were allowed to resume his position in the centre and his captain, Wellens, who had a good match on Saturday, were drafted in at stand-off half.

Early pressure on the Blackheath line gave Simms his chance to drop a goal from in front of the posts and nine minutes later he did it again, after a flurry of fists had occasioned stern talk (but little else) from referee, Thomas.

Pugilism took over from rugby again but, when sanity returned, LSH went further ahead through Wellens's well-struck penalty.

A 9-0 lead and wind advantage in the second half, proved decisive. Wellens missed a couple of penalty chances but LSH clinched the match with a try by Simms, following an excellent break by O'Toole. Wellens converted.

SCORERS: Try: Simms. Dropped goals: Simms (2). Penalty and conversion: Wellens.
LIVERPOOL ST HELENS: A Aitken; J Shinwell, N Burt, B Wellens, J Rignall; N Simms, C O'Toole; P Robbins, K Rabbitt, G Chubb, A McGowan, T Swann, J Hescott, M Bate, P Buckton.
BLACKHEATH: M Aris; G Marshall, P Jones, L Cokell, K Caley; J King, B Burke; M Greer, S Jones, E Stokes, M Wilkes, D Hursey, P Harrison, M Harris, P Vaughan.
Referee: D L Thomas.

## Olympic warm-up

Hugh Jones, the Londoner who finished fifth in the marathon at last year's world championships in Rome, begins his Olympic campaign by running in the Hong Kong Marathon on January 24.

CRICKET

# Boon stand is the foundation for Australian victory

Adelaide (Reuter) — David Boon overcame oppressive heat and flayed the Sri Lankan bowlers to register his highest one-day score and lead Australia to an 81-run victory in the World Series Cup match yesterday.

The stocky Tasmanian opening batsman made 122 before he became the second Australian to lose his wicket, but by then he had played a pivotal role in two match-winning partnerships. Boon's innings helped Australia amass 289 for six in their 50 overs, which left Sri Lanka chasing 5.8 runs per over to win.

That proved far beyond their capabilities and they could manage only 208 for eight, despite the determined efforts of Mahanama, Gurusinha and Aravinda De Silva. Boon won the Player of the Match award for his second international one-day century, beating his 111 against India in Jaipur in 1986.

But the hot conditions took their toll and Boon was physically ill after running four soon after making his 100, which took 150 minutes. He struck 15 boundaries from 131 deliveries before holing out to Madugalle, the Sri Lankan captain.

Boon and fellow opener Marsh set up the win with a defiant 115-run stand in 100 minutes before Marsh was run out for 37. Jones joined Boon and they added 84 runs in 49 minutes before Boon made his exit.

Manahama was top scorer for Sri Lanka with a stubborn 50, while both Gurusinha and De Silva carved out 43. The defeat left Sri Lanka needing to win all its four remaining matches to have a chance of playing in the finals later this month.

The victory allowed Australia to remain at the head of the table with New Zealand, with each having six points from four matches. Dodemaide took the Australian bowling honours, finishing with three for 27 from 10 overs. McDermott took two for 31.

LATEST STANDINGS

| | P | W | L | Pts | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4.93 |
| New Zealand | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4.34 |
| Sri Lanka | 4 | — | 4 | 0 | 3.95 |

AUSTRALIA

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|---|---|
| G R Marsh run out | 37 |
| D C Boon c Madugalle b A De Silva | 122 |
| D M Jones c Gurusinha b Labrooy | 69 |
| *A R Border c E de Silva b Ratnayeke | 13 |
| M R J Veletta run out | 5 |
| S R Waugh not out | 6 |
| C J McDermott run out | 8 |
| †G C Dyer not out | 3 |
| Extras (4b, 16b, 4w) | 24 |
| Total (6 wkts,50 overs) | 289 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-199, 3-244, 4-268, 5-274, 6-282.
BOWLING: Ratnayake 10-0-49-1, Labrooy 10-0-44-1, Ramanayake 8-0-46-0, E A De Silva 4-0-27-0, Ranatunga 8-0-50-0, A De Silva 10-0-53-1.

SRI LANKA

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|---|---|
| R S Mahanama c Veletta b Whitney | 50 |
| B Kuruppu b McDermott | 5 |
| A P Gurusinghe run out | 43 |
| A de Silva run out | 43 |
| A Ranatunga c Veletta b Dodemaide | 23 |
| *R S Madugalle lbw b Dodemaide | 7 |
| J R Ratnayake b Dodemaide | 1 |
| †R G de Alwis not out | 11 |
| E A de Silva c Veletta b McDermott | 3 |
| G Labrooy not out | 3 |
| Extras (1b 11b 1nb 6w) | 19 |
| Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) | 208 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-105, 3-132, 4-173, 5-187, 6-189, 7-190, 8-197.
BOWLING: Dodemaide 10-1-27-3, McDermott 10-0-31-2, Whitney 10-0-53-1, Waugh 10-0-37-0, Taylor 10-1-48-0.

# India cater for the spinners

From Javed Akhtar
Madras

The conditions at the M A Chidambaram stadium in Madras, where the fourth Test begins today, are heavily in favour of the home team who have the best chance of neutralizing the 1-0 advantage of the West Indies.

But on a brown pitch which is expected to be a boon to the spinners, India will be without left-arm spinner, Maninder Singh, who tore the webbing in his hand in the third one-day international at Calcutta. Also missing from the line-up will be captain, Dilip Vengsarkar, who has been the most consistent scorer for India with a phenomenal average of 101.33 from the previous three Tests.

The absence of these two crucial players notwithstanding, Ravi Shastri, the interim captain who will be leading India for the first time in a Test, is confident that his team will win this last Test to square the series.

The Indians have named their 12 for the match. Young left-hander W. V Raman, who scored 95 runs in the one-day tie at Rajkot, is sure to make his Test debut on home ground after being included in the squad in place of Vengsarkar. Nareadra Hirwani, the leg-spinner, is expected to make his Test bow as well.

West Indies captain, Viv Richards, refused to predict how the wicket would behave but said he was happy that all the players were available for selection.

Umpires Piloo Reporter and Ram Babu Gupta, who did duty in the Calcutta Test, have been named for this match as well.

# N Zealand are made to struggle

Adelaide (AFP) — Sri Lanka made New Zealand struggle all the way before the New Zealanders secured a four-wicket win off the penultimate ball of a World Series Cup limited-over match at the Oval here on Saturday.

Sri Lanka made 241, their best score in the three-nation tournament, and had New Zealand on the ropes, needing six runs to win off the last three balls.

But the wicketkeeper, Blain, first turned Ratnayeke past square leg for two, then pulled him to the midwicket fence to seal victory with a score of 242 for six.

The gallant Sri Lankans are still without a win

SRI LANKA

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|---|---|
| R Mahanama c Blain b Snedden | 51 |
| B Kuruppu c Hadlee b Morrison | 28 |
| A Gurusinha c and b Gillespie | 7 |
| P A de Silva c Jones b Chatfield | 51 |
| A Ranatunga c Gillespie b Hadlee | 42 |
| R Madugalle c M Crowe b Gillespie | 3 |
| A Samarasekera b Gillespie | 3 |
| R Ratnayeke c Rutherford b Hadlee | 23 |
| G Labrooy b Hadlee | 0 |
| E A de Silva c Chatfield b Morrison | 15 |
| C Ramanayake not out | 3 |
| Extras (12b, 6nb, 2w) | 20 |
| Total (49.6 overs) | 241 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-68, 3-121, 4-160, 5-187, 6-192, 7-208, 8-207, 9-234, 10-241.
BOWLING: Morrison 5.5-1-39-2, Hadlee 10-1-35-3, Chatfield 10-1-43-1, Gillespie 10-0-40-3, Snedden 10-0-47-1, Patel 4-0-25-0.

NEW ZEALAND

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|---|---|
| K Rutherford c Kuruppu b Ratnayeke | 1 |
| J Wright run out | 61 |
| A Jones b Ramanayake | 63 |
| M Crowe c Gurusinha b Ramanayake | 39 |
| D Patel st Kuruppu b P A de Silva | 9 |
| R Hadlee c Gurusinha b Ratnayeke | 25 |
| T Blain not out | 25 |
| M Snedden not out | 0 |
| Extras: (2b, 3b, 6nb, 8w) | 19 |
| Total (6 wkts, 49.5 overs) | 242 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-103, 3-164, 4-180, 5-204, 6-238.
BOWLING: Labrooy 10-2-39-0, Ratnayeke 9.5-0-44-2, Ramanayake 7-0-47-2, E A de Silva 10-2-40-0, P A de Silva 9-0-41-1, Samarasekera 4-0-26-0.

BOWLS

# Middlesex's late rally

Middlesex could hardly credit their luck at Desborough, Maidenhead, on Saturday (Gordon Allan writes). Seven shots down with three ends to play, they beat Surrey 117-116 to reach the semi-finals of the Prudential Liberty Trophy on February 13 when their opponents will be Devon. The other semi-final will be between Durham and Lincolnshire.

Middlesex led for threequarters of the match before Surrey overtook them, thanks mainly to the 33-4 win of John Kenton's rink over Garry Little's. A three by Reg Paine on the 21st and a single by George Hayward on the twentieth sobered Surrey down and left Hayward requiring four on the last end against Kelvin Barnard to win the match for Middlesex.

Devon beat Berkshire 127-118 at Atherley. Durham hammered Leicestershire 170-77 at Bowlers, Manchester; and Lincolnshire beat Oxfordshire 143-120 at Peterborough.

DETAILS FROM THE WEEKEND MATCHES

WELSH TRIAL

Possibles 14 Probables 6
(at Cardiff Arms Park)

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

Second division

Lpool St Helens 15 Blackheath 0
Liverpool St Helens: Try: Simms. Con: Wellens. Pen: Wellens. Dropped goals: Simms (2).
London Irish 17 Richmond 15
London Irish: Tries: Hewitt, Harbinson, Bell. Con: Bell. Dropped goal: Bell. Richmond: Try: Seccombe. Con: Smith. Pens: Smith (3).
London Scottish 13 Gosforth 8
London Scottish: Tries: Glen, Renwick. Con: Chesworth. Pen: Chesworth. Gosforth: Tries: Elliot, Walker.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rosslyn Park | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 124 | 62 | 30 |
| Lpool St Helens | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 73 | 36 | 21 |
| Richmond | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 95 | 96 | 20 |
| L Scottish | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 105 | 69 | 19 |
| Headingley | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 84 | 46 | 15 |
| L Irish | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 70 | 115 | 15 |
| Gosforth | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 72 | 101 | 14 |
| L Welsh | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 88 | 82 | 13 |
| Bedford | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 57 | 59 | 13 |
| Saracens | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 83 | 55 | 12 |
| Northampton | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 51 | 112 | 8 |
| Blackheath | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 29 | 78 | 5 |

Third division

Maidstone 16 Birmingham 3
Nuneaton 13 Fylde 18
Plymouth Albion 24 Morley 0

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Plymouth | 8 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 206 | 92 | 26 |
| W Hartlepool | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 47 | 24 |
| Fylde | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 226 | 114 | 23 |
| Met Police | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 115 | 104 | 23 |
| Wakefield | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 192 | 50 | 21 |
| Vale of Lune | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 136 | 84 | 21 |
| Sheffield | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 87 | 130 | 19 |
| Maidstone | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 82 | 77 | 16 |
| Nuneaton | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 81 | 10 |
| Morley | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 75 | 160 | 10 |
| Birmingham | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 306 | 10 |
| Exeter | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 59 | 163 | 6 |

North area

Broughton Park 16 Rugby 20
Derby 6 Roundway 12
Durham 12 Preston Grasps 16
Lichfield 27 Northern 9
Postponed: Birkenhead Park v Solihull.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rugby | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 144 | 75 | 14 |
| Durham | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 144 | 82 | 14 |
| Roundhay | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 98 | 45 | 12 |
| Northern | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 115 | 115 | 11 |
| Stourbridge | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 113 | 100 | 10 |
| Lichfield | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 125 | 119 | 8 |
| Broughton Pk | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 118 | 93 | 6 |
| Preston Grasps | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 110 | 118 | 5 |
| Birkenhead Pk | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 75 | 163 | 4 |
| Derby | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 76 | 106 | 2 |
| Solihull | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 41 | 143 | 0 |

South area

Askeans 23 Stroud 9
Camborne 10 Streatham-C 8
Havant 6 Sidcup 19
Lydney 10 Salisbury 6
Postponed: Cheltenham v Southend.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Askeans | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 125 | 68 | 15 |
| Sidcup | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 109 | 54 | 14 |
| Camborne | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 94 | 78 | 11 |
| Lydney | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 143 | 93 | 10 |
| Havant | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 87 | 75 | 8 |
| Southend | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 51 | 68 | 8 |
| Sudbury | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 100 | 80 | 7 |
| Salisbury | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 75 | 79 | 7 |
| Stroud | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 85 | 101 | 6 |
| Cheltenham | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 57 | 130 | 2 |
| Streatham-C | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 49 | 129 | 0 |

LONDON: First division: Ipswich 4, Lewes 13; Old Gaytonians 19, Dartfordians 3; Ruislip 24, Esher 3; Sutton and Epsom 10, Ealing 11; Upper Clapton 16, Guildford and Godalming 6. Second division north: Cheshunt 6, Hertford 6; North Walsham 37, St Mary's Hospital 0; Norwich 3, Grasshoppers 12; Thurrock 23, Old Merchant Taylors 9; Woodford 32, Old Albanians 6. Second division south: Gravesend 13, Portsmouth 11; Old Alleynian 3, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 8; Old Brocklesians 9, KCS Old Boys 6; Old Reigatian 13, Worthing 4. Postponed: Old Juddian v Camberley. Third division north east: Barking 60, Bury St Edmunds 0; Chingford 17, Colchester 3; Eton Manor 23, Ipswich YMCA 3; Old Westcliffians 34, Old Cantabrigians 19; Saffron Walden 25, Brentwood 3. Third division north west: Bishop's Stortford 12, Old Kingsburians 6; Fullerians 23, Mill Hill 13; Letchworth 6, Twickenham 3; Tabard 3, Harrow 3. Third division south east: Beckenham 10, Old Beccehamians 9; Gillingham Anchorians 12, East Grinstead 6; Old Cottelians 18, Tunbridge Wells 18; Westcombe Park 15, Old Dunstonians 15. Third division south west: Guy's Hospital 3, Eastleigh 12; Old Emanuel 15, Winchester 12; Old Walcountians 9, Warlingham 6; Old Whitgiftians 14, Jersey 9; Purley 23, Alton 0.
MIDLANDS: First division: Barker's Butts 15, Mansfield 0; Peterborough 6, Westleigh 26; Stockwood 10, Hinckley 10; Wolverhampton 15, Stafford 3. Postponed: Walsall v Paviors. Second division east: Kettering 31, Leighton Buzzard 9; Lincoln 3, Syston 0; Newark 57, Loughborough 4; Stamford 10, Matlock 27; Stoneygate 3, Vipers 7. Second division west: Dudley Kingswinford 3, Hereford 21; Newbold 6, Bromsgrove 6; Sutton Coldfield 15, Droitonians 11; Worcester 6, Tamworth 10. Postponed: Evesham v Burton. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Aylestone St James 10, Luton 0; Bedford Athletic 16, South Leicester 10; Long Buckby 0, Towcestrians 3; Oadby-Wyggestonians 12, Melton Mowbray 10; Old Northamptonians 0, Northampton Trinity 4. North Midlands: First division: Kidderminster 27, Erdington 9; Kings Norton 17, Edwardians 6; Newport 14, Luctonians 3; Old Halesonians 8, Whitchurch 18; Old Yardleians 6, Camp Hill 0. Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire: First division: Boston 16, Grimsby 12; Chesterfield 12, Glossop 3; Southwell 8, Moderns 12; West Bridgford 12, Melish 7; Worksop 12, Kesteven 4. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Bedworth 7, Old Leamingtonians 3; Kenilworth 4, Nuneaton OE 12; Leek 6, Handsworth 6; Stratford 22, Old Longtonians 4; Willenhall 12, Newcastle 6.
NORTH: First division: Hartlepool Rovers 9, Middlesbrough 3; Hull and ER 6, Otley 15; Kendal 15, Harrogate 9; Tynedale 7, Winnington Park 0; Wigton 6, West Park 4. Second division: Alnwick 16, Wilmslow 0; Davenport 9, New Brighton 3; Halifax 14, Bradford and Bingley 7; Lymm 0, Aspatria 25; Sandal 18, Manchester 7. North east: First division: Blaydon 12, Keighley 6; Gateshead Fell 0, Rotherham 3; Morpeth 6, Old Brodleians 3; Wessex 8, Ripon 6; Wharfedale 21, Old Crossleyans 0. North west: First division: Blackburn 6, Carlisle 11; Chester 9, Wirral 10; Southport 13, Netherhall 3; Wigan 18, Mid Cheshire College 6.
SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST: First division: Bournemouth 9, Torquay 20; Bridgwater and Albion 15, Taunton 11; Clifton 16, St Ives 6; High Wycombe 6, Redruth 18; Maidenhead 28, Oxford 10. Second division: Abbey 9, Newbury 12; Barnstaple 8, Launceston 0; Berry Hill 41, Henley 16; Brixham 15, Devonport Services 10; Clinderford 32, Dawon and Cornwall Police 13. Southern counties: Aylesbury 20, Wimborne 9; Banbury 14, Swindon 17; Blatchley 0, Redingensians 14; Bracknell 4, Oxford Old Boys 14; Marlow 52, Oxford Marathon 7. Western counties: Avon and Somerset Police 3, Tiverton 12; Clarencester 9, Sidmouth 0; Clevedon 9, Old Redcliffians 7; Gordon League 8, Okehampton 8; Masson 24, Newquay Hornets 10.

CLUB MATCHES

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| Aberavon | 10 | Cardiff | 16 |
| Bridgend | 6 | Aberdllery | 10 |
| Bristol | 14 | Coventry | 11 |
| Gloucester | 30 | Leicester | 18 |
| Llanelli | 15 | Wasps | 0 |
| London Welsh | 11 | Bath | 35 |
| Maesteg | 15 | Ebbw Vale | 16 |
| Neath | 30 | Moseley | 8 |
| Northampton | 15 | Bective Rangers | 6 |
| Penarth | 8 | Cross Keys | 7 |
| Rosslyn Park | 11 | Nottingham | 3 |
| Sale | 54 | Bedford | 7 |
| Saracens | 17 | Met PoSce | 0 |
| Sheffield | 28 | Wrexham | 0 |
| S Wales PoSce | 8 | Newbridge | 11 |
| Tredegar | 6 | Glamorgan W | 4 |
| Vale Of Lune | 3 | Headingley | 14 |
| Wakefield | 22 | Waterloo | 22 |
| W Hartlepool | 21 | Orrell | 29 |

Cancelled: Pontypridd v Pontypool.

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First division

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| Edinburgh Acad | 11 | Ayr | 7 |
| Glasgow Acad | 10 | Musselburgh | 9 |
| Heriot's FP | 6 | Boroughmuir | 13 |
| Kelso | 19 | W of Scotland | 0 |
| Melrose | 13 | Glenamock | 3 |
| Selkirk | 10 | Stewart's Mel FP | 13 |
| Watsonians | 13 | Hawick | 31 |

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Folkestone 16, New Ash Green 6; Harpenden 16, Uxbridge 9; Hemel Hempstead 22, Wheatley 3; Old Paulines 7, Old Cranleighans 12; Phoenix 9, Old Merchant Taylors 11 7; Reading 43, Windsor 0; US Portsmouth 18, Weston-super-Mare 16.
ULSTER: Senior League: First section: Ards 15, Instonians 21; Bangor 15, Ballymena 3; Malone 29, Collegians 12. Second section: Armagh 15, Academy 9; Dungannon 27, Queen's University 6. Club match: City of Derry 6, CIYMS 10.
LEINSTER: Senior League: Section A: Blackrock College 13, Lansdowne 15; Dublin University 23, De La Salle/Palmerston 7; Old Wesley 19, Terenure College 10; St Mary's College 7, Wanderers 3. Section B: Greystones 27, Old Belvedere 0; University College Dublin 19, Clontarf 6. Club match: Skerries 22, Athlone 0.

ATHLETICS: OMRON GAMES PROVIDE ENCOURAGING START TO INDOOR SEASON

# Sly's crowning performance

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

An indoor season which threatened to be fairly lifeless opened with much to enthuse about at the Omron Games at Cosford on Saturday.

With the Olympic Games stretching into October, many of Britain's leading athletes want a late start to their winter preparation. But some fine performances from the extraordinary Barrington Williams, and from long Cosford absentees, Wendy Sly, Clifton Bradeley and Ikem Billy, suggest that they will all be well in the reckoning come the Olympic trials in the summer.

Mrs Sly returned to Cosford after a seven-year absence and produced the one world-class performance of the afternoon. The 1984 Olympic silver medal-winner ran away with the Women's AAA 3,000 metres championship, in eight minutes 55.49 seconds. Apart from a couple of excellent road races, Mrs Sly had rather lost her way since Los Angeles, until a year ago, when she persuaded Peter Coe into the second coaching job of his career.

Coe senior, father and coach of Sebastian, put her into "a two -year turnaround". He decided that she was trying to do too much, too often. "She was getting injured through overuse. She had to make a decision," Coe said. "She couldn't be Queen of the Roads, Queen of the Track, *and* Queen of the Country. It was like when Seb was 17: he was still a good cross-country runner, but we made the decision that the future was the track. Wendy can't do everything, *Wilson of the Wizard* doesn't exist."

Admirers of Barrington Williams would beg to differ. But Mrs Sly, who is as yet undecided on whether to go for 3,000m or 10,000m in Seoul, certainly looked like a Queen of the Track on Saturday.

She has foregone cross-country, but will still try to combine indoor track and road-racing when she goes to the United States next Saturday for seven weeks. She will run the Millrose Mile indoors in New York, and the Gasparilla 15km and Miami 10km on the road in Florida.

Clifton Bradeley protested a lack of confidence after an absence of almost three years from the sport with Osteitis Pubis, the same pelvic tilt which brought Dave Moorcroft low. But the way Bradeley jumped the field with two laps to go, to win the 1,500m in 3:46.57 suggests that he will soon be back to the form which took him to the British indoor mile record of 3:57.88 in 1985.

Ikem Billy did not look quite so impressive as Bradeley, but his 800m victory was equally welcome after a similar absence through injury. And his match against David Sharpe — another of the contenders for an Olympic 800m place beside Peter Elliott, Tom McKean, Tony Morrell and John Gladwin — in the Scottish championships will alone be worth the trip to the new Kelvin Hall track in Glasgow next weekend.

As for *Wizard* Williams, he never ceases to amaze. It could be argued that a five-year absence from the track through his crucial mid-20s has meant Williams has wasted an amazing athletic talent. But he is sane enough to enjoy the success he is having at 32. And it is a welcome sanity in today's athletics.

Cosford has a notoriously bad jumping pit, yet Williams reached 7.63 metres on his first jump to win. Even better, he came back later to beat Ernie Obeng and Daley Thompson in the 60m in another personal best of 6.73 seconds.

COSFORD RESULTS: MEN: 60m: 1, B Williams (Wolv and Bil) 6.73sec; 2, E Obeng (Belgrave) 6.75; 3, M

MOTOR RALLYING: MOUNTING TRAIL OF HUMAN DESTRUCTION AT THE HALFWAY STAGE OF THE 'ULTIMATE' ADVENTURE ON WHEELS

# Death takes the wheel on road to Dakar

From Jeremy Hart, Agadez

Ari Vatanen, of Finland, maintained his lead in the Paris-Dakar rally yesterday despite losing his way on the 746-kilometre stage from Arlit to Agadez when a sandstorm blinded many of the competitors. Andrew Cowan, of Britain, an experienced Paris-Dakar driver, was third and Juha Kankkunen fourth, enabling him to maintain his second place overall.

This year could not have started off worse for the tenth anniversary of the rally. Heralded 11 days ago at the start in Paris as the greatest and toughest event yet, at the halfway point in Niger it has turned into a disaster.

There have been no celebrations of what Thierry Sabine originally conceived — the ultimate adventure in motor sport.

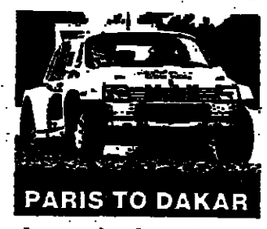
Two deaths in as many days over the weekend have sent morale on the 22-day event plummeting to an all-time low. Only after the death of the founder in 1986 did the future of the rally look in more jeopardy.

A Dutch navigator was killed on Saturday after his DAF truck somersaulted while crossing the notoriously harsh Tenere desert. Kees Van Loevezijn was killed as he was thrown from the cartwheeling vehicle. A suspected broken wheel is thought to have been the cause of the crash.

Yesterday, barely 24 hours after the truck incident, two vehicles from the Chesterfield Yamaha outfit collided at almost 100mph. They were blinded in a thick dust cloud on the stage from Arlit to Agadez.

A Frenchman, Patrick Canado, , died in the accident. He was thrown from his Range Rover while still strapped to his seat, in a similar way to Saturday's incident.

Yesterday's fatality brings to 20 the number of deaths in




the event's 10-year history. The list of injuries for this year alone is horrifyingly long — two men paralysed (the latest of whom was involved in another incident yesterday), three serious chest and abdominal injuries and over a dozen broken limbs.

There has not been one day in Africa when at least one competitor has not been injured. Yet the Paris-Dakar regulars seem oblivious to the rate of human destruction the rally leaves in its wake. "It's just one of those things," one said yesterday.

The first African special stage apart, this year's "Dakar" has been no more difficult than the nine previous ones but, according to Sonauto Mitsubishi's chief, Urrich Brehmmer, it is getting too fast for amateurs.

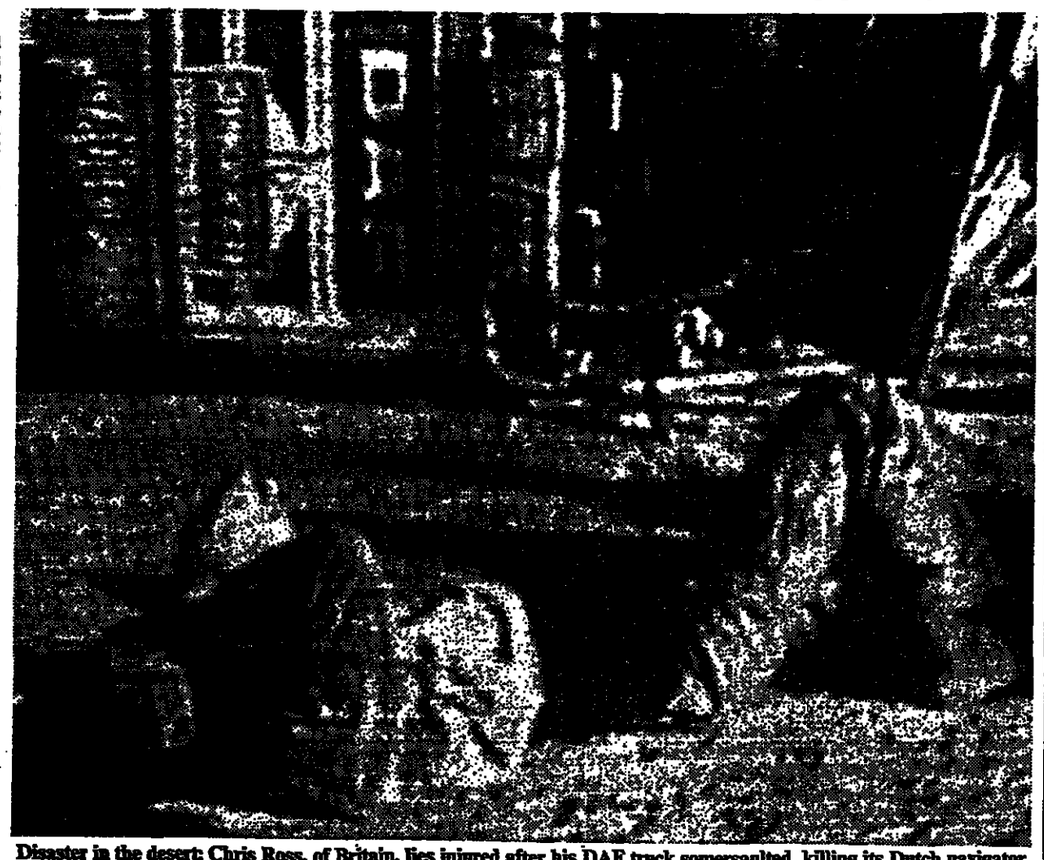
"You need pilots, racers, to drive the latest machines," he said. "It is fine to have pros and amateurs racing together but there are limits to a driver's capabilities. Unfortunately ,sometimes those limits are exceeded.

"They have tried to please the top teams by making some more demanding section and in the process knocking out some amateurs. But this is good. Most of the amateurs are out early before they can hurt themselves."

Jan de Rooy, team leader of the DAF team and driver of the sister truck to the one that crashed on Saturday, says that in no way is he bitter about the events of this weekend. "You can blame no one," he said. "We all know the dangers involved and no way do I blame the organizers."

STAGE PLACINGS (Djado to Arlit, 742km): 1, Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi, 2hr 30min 52sec; 2, Kankkunen (Fin), Peugeot 205, 2:31:17; 3, Fontenay (Fr), Mitsubishi, 2:32.44; 4, de Rooy (Neth), DAF, 2:39.22; 5, Andreetti (It), Mitsubishi, 2:41.28; 6, Tijsterman (Neth), Mitsubishi, 2:44.54.

OVERALL: 1, Vatanen (Fin), Peugeot 405, 11hr 51min 13sec; 2, Kankkunen, 12:06.56; 3, Shinozuka, 12:14.39; 4, Lartigue (Fr), Mitsubishi, 12:57.47; 5, Andreetti, 14:06.27; 6, Smith (GB), Camel Racing Service Range Rover, 15:12.14.



Disaster in the desert: Chris Ross, of Britain, lies injured after his DAF truck somersaulted, killing its Dutch navigator

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Murphy's winning knack is restored

By Keith Macklin

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| Leeds | 14 |
| St Helens | 15 |

The Midas touch which seemed to have deserted Alex Murphy was restored in this gripping John Player Special Trophy final at Wigan. After all the frustrations and near misses since Murphy returned to Knowsley Road, St Helens came back to win this trophy for the first time, and deservedly so.

Yet Murphy can thank his lucky stars, or that personal rabbit's foot that has always been part of his equipment, or his young centre, Paul Loughlin, for a magnificent second half tackling performance, and some odd tactical thinking by Leeds when they were pounding the St Helens line in the second half.

The Saints were leading 15-14 after Loughlin's brilliant scoring burst, which left Gurr, the Leeds full-back, floundering in a heap. Leeds were hammering their line and were inside the 22-metre area for nearly 10 minutes. Yet only twice did Leeds attempt to drop the goal which would have brought the scores level.

Ashton made a mess of the first, then the well-watched Schofield's attempt hit the upright, with no Leeds player following up. So the splendid St Helens tackling, which never wavered, held out for the victory, which Murphy thought they deserved , leaving the Leeds coach, Maurice Bamford, feeling that his team were slightly unlucky.

In an exciting first half the wind and slippery ball produced handling errors, but three tries were scored, two from defensive mistakes.

Leeds went ahead when Powell, a magnificent second row forward, broke through to send Creasser over, Creasser landing the goal. Loughlin kicked a penalty, then Saints had their lucky break when Haggerty and Holding sent Loughlin sliding under the posts, the Leeds players claiming that he lost the ball as he went over.

Loughlin added the goal, but Leeds took a 14-8 lead with their slice of good fortune. Souto lost the ball in a tackle and Maskill whipped the ball left for Jackson to score, Creasser landing a superb goal to add to a mighty penalty into the wind.

Holding dropped a goal to make it 14-9 at half time, but early in the second half the man of the match, Loughlin, scored his superb individual try and added the goal, and Saints held out.

SCORERS: Leeds: goals: Creasser (3).Tries: Creasser, Jackson. St Helens: Goals: Loughlin (3). Dropped goal: Holding. Tries: Loughlin (2).

LEEDS: M Gurr; S Morris, G Schofield, P Jackson, J Basnett (sub C Gibson); D Creasser, R Ashton; P Tunks, C Maskill, K Rayne (sub P Fairbank), R Powell, P Medley, D Heron.

ST HELENS: P Veivers; D Tanner, P Loughlin, M Ellis, L Quirk; S Cooper, N Holding; T Burke, P Groves, P South (sub S Evans), P Forber, R Haggerty, A Platt. Substitute: D Large.

Referee: F Lindop (Wakefield).

## Northern add to woe for Wigan

Hunslet, who are fighting against relegation, and Bradford Northern, who have eyes on the championship, provided the shock results in yesterday's first division programme (Keith Macklin writes).

Hunslet won a thrilling 20-16 victory over Warrington with a try by Irvine and a penalty goal by Platt in the closing minutes, while Bradford Northern inflicted more misery on the slow-handclapping Wigan supporters when a last-second try by Stewart and a fifth goal from Hobbs gave Northern an 18-16 win at Central Park.

Widnes, the league leaders, had to struggle against a spirited challenge from lowly Leigh. Martin Offiah got his 24th try of the season for Widnes, but it needed an opportunist try by McKeuzie to give Widnes a 14-8 victory. After the game, Widnes reopened negotiations with Leigh for the transfer of their captain, Derek Pyke, in an attempt to secure him before today's Challenge Cup deadline.

Halifax, who are expecting to sign the Swinton forward Les Holliday, scored seven tries at Swinton in a 32-12 win, and on Humberside Garry Clark scored the 100th try of his career in the last minute as Hull Kingston Rovers beat Salford 20-8.

Saturday

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Final: Leeds 14, St Helens 15 (at Wigan).

Yesterday

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 32, Hull 3; Hull KR 20, Salford 8; Hunslet 20, Warrington 16; Swinton 12, Halifax 32; Widnes 14, Leigh 8; Wigan 16, Bradford 18. Second division: Blkley 4, Wakefield 18; Carlisle 23, Springfield 0; Doncaster 22, Barnsley 12; Fulham 22, Runcorn 20; Huddersfield 20, York 22; Keighley 10, Rochdale 15; Mansfield 2, Featherstone 22; Oldham 28, Whitehaven 20; Sheffield 22, Barrow 0; Workington 38, Dewsbury 16.

YACHTING

## Whitbread skippers call foul

By Malcolm McKeag

A major yacht race organizing authority has come under attack from its own competitors over its refusal to come to terms with the realities of competition in modern sponsored sport. The Royal Naval Sailing Association, organizers of the Whitbread round-the-world race, is facing protests from the skippers who sail the biggest ocean going yachts in the world — the multi-million pound maxi yachts.

Held every four years, the Whitbread is the world's longest and toughest ocean race. It attracts specially-designed purpose-built 80-ft racers with up to 20 crew. Total distance is almost 33,000 miles.

Last time it was staged there were allegations concerning the shifting of sails to improve stability. After the race many skippers were lead to believe that shifting of sails would be permitted since its prohibition is impossible to police.

But at an official briefing on Saterday, race chairman, Admiral Charles Williams, announced there would be no relaxation of the rule.

Skip Novak, of the United States, who skippered Simon le Bon's Maxi Drum in the previous race, immediately protested, saying his new yacht was already under construction with special sail storages after receiving a letter earlier from the organizers indicating that this would be permitted.

Another argument broke out when Admiral Williams announced that weather routing would also be banned. Used particulary by French long distance yachtsmen, this involves yachts using commercial weather bureaux ashore to analyse prevailing weather conditions and radio their conclusions, often with recommendations as to changes of course, to the yachts.

It is a technique widely used by commercial shipping to avoid bad weather, improve fuel economy and minimize delay and damage from storms, but these racers want to use the routing bureaux to help them find strong winds, not avoid them.

It is, says Admiral Williams, a clear violation of the yacht racing rule which prohibits any competitor receiving outside assistance. But individual skippers are demanding to know how the organizers can prevent some competitors from receiving the messages.

"If you can't police it, permit it", is the skipper's proposal, but Williams is adamant there will be no concessions.

The race itself is scheduled to start from Portsmouth on September 2, 1989.

## Americans vie for honours in Soling title

Melbourne — The American crew skippered by Dave Curtis leads the World Soling class yachting championship after five heats, even though his closest rival, fellow American, John Kostecki, totally outsailed him in yesterday's race five (a Special Correspondent writes).

With his worst race discarded, Curtis heads the series with 14.4 points lost, from Kostecki on 24.7. Gary Sheard, the Australian 1984 Olympic representative, has 45, followed by Jesper Back, of Denmark.

Chris Law, of Britain, is eighteenth, with competitor Glyn Charles in 25th position. Yesterday's race, sailed in a south, south-east breeze of eight knots at the start, freshening to 15 knots on the final legs, was won by Andy Allsep, of Australia, by 1min .02sec from Sheard, with Kazunori Komatsu, of Japan, third.

Curtis suffered a bad start and could only manage tenth place while Kostecki finished thirteenth. However these placings are the subject of a protest lodged by Curtis.

TENNIS

## A moment of history for Fitzgerald and Shriver

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Sydney

Pam Shriver and John Fitzgerald made a little history yesterday. They became the last players to win the singles titles in one of the world's oldest grass court tournaments, the New South Wales championships, which date from 1885.

Most of the renowned White City courts on which the tournament has been played since 1921, will be converted to Rebound Ace — the hard surface installed at the new national tennis centre in Melbourne — in readiness for next season. Call it, if you like, another phase in the passing of what we used to call "lawn" tennis.

The White City became known throughout the world as the occasional home of the Australian championships and Davis Cup ties. The NSW championships were always unusual, because from the start they featured a women's tournament as well as a men's event. Aptly, the grasscourt era ended with a combined festival.

The assembled cast was weaker than it should have been, because the leading players — especially the men — were reluctant to compete on grass a week before a grand slam event (the Australian championships) on hard courts.

In addition to a grand prix tournament in Auckland, there were invitation-only promotions at Adelaide and Sanctuary Cove, near Brisbane. And Steffi Graf was among the players who thought it wise to arrive in Melbourne early in order to practise on Rebound Ace.

Nevertheless, there was an air of enchantment about this past week in the warmth of lovely Rushcutters Bay. It ended well, too, with two popular grasscourt specialists emerging as champions. Shriver, twice runner-up here, broke through at last with a 6-2, 6-3, win over Helena Sukova. Fitzgerald, who had not won a tournament since he played here in 1984, beat Andrei Chesnokov 6-3, 6-4, to become the first South Australian to win the NSW title twice.

Shriver, who was nursing a troublesome groin muscle and had to volley from farther back than usual, was otherwise exemplary. Her services, returns, passing shots and lobs were better than Sukova's. She excelled on the backhand. Sukova's confidence was swiftly eroded and the usual patterned rhythm eluded her. Nor did she test Shriver's mobility with drop shots. Most of the rallies boiled down to guesswork and timing.

Fitzgerald's doubles skills, plus his liking for grass, meant that he was far more at ease than Chesnokov in the forecourt . Indeed, Chesnokov seldom went there, even behind his first service. So Fitzgerald, under no pressure from an advancing volleyer, often went to the net himself when his return was good enough to testify it. Chesnokov was sounder from the baseline but Fitzgerald could seldom be induced to play that game.

Playing conditions were fast, because of the heat. The sun was high, the players' shadows no larger than manholes. An early finish left time to watch a cricket match at which the umpires wore shorts; and one umpire had in his hand a tin of some cooling beverage.

HOCKEY

## Menzieshill hold on in final

By Sydney Friskin

Menzieshill NMP, of Dundee, won the Glenfiddich International Indoor Tournament in Glasgow yesterday for the second time, after defeating East Grinstead, the English champions, 7-5 in the final. They had previously won it in 1985.

A Scotland-England final provided an exciting climax. The Scots shot into a 5-0 lead and held a spirited challenge at the end by East Grinstead, who had rather a steep hill to climb.

Bram van Asselt, of East Grinstead, emerged as top scorer of the tournament with a total of 22 goals, obtaining all five for his side in the final. Cuthill, of Menzieshill, won the award for the player of the tournament. Christie, who passed the 100 mark for the season, scored four goals for Menzieshill, Cox, Cuthill and McPherson obtaining the remaining three.

Ian Taylor kept goal splendidly for East Grinstead, saving two penalty strokes in the earlier semi-final against St Albans. The first five minutes of this match virtually decided the issue with East Grinstead going into a 4-0 lead, eventually winning 9-4. Van Asselt had six goals in this match, Clift, Richard Leman and Head scoring the remaining three.

And thrills abounded in the all-Scottish semi-final in which Menzieshill beat Murray International Metals 6-5. On Saturday, East Grinstead drew 5-5 with Menzieshill in the pool matches. St Albans made sure of their place in the semi-finals with a 9-7 win over Buccaneers

RESULTS: Pool A: Arminen (Austria) 6, Western Independent 3; East Grinstead 5, Menzieshill NMP 5; Menzieshill 5, Arminen 4; Western 2, East Grinstead 8; East Grinstead 6, Arminen 4; Western 2, Menzieshill 8. Pool B: Buccaneers (Netherlands) 8, Avoca (Dublin) 5; Murray International Metals (MIM) 4, St Albans 2; Buccaneers 8, MIM 10; Avoca 3, St Albans 4; St Albans 9, Buccaneers 7; MIM 6, Avoca 5. Semi-finals: East Grinstead 9, St Albans 4; Menzieshill 6, MIM 5. Final: Menzieshill 7, East Grinstead 5. Third place play-off: MIM 7, St Albans 7 (last MIM won 2-1 on penalty strokes). Fifth: Arminen 7, Buccaneers 7; Seventh: Western 3, Avoca 3 (last Western won 3-2 on penalty strokes).

● Outdoors, Hounslow defeated Guildford 4-1 in the Premier Division of the Pizza Express London League at Feltham yesterday. On Saturday at the same venue, Hounslow beat Reading 7-1.

CROSS-COUNTRY

## Sherban slithers to silver

By Michael Coleman

Chris Robison, a lieutenant in the Royal Navy, kept upright to win the muddy Southern Counties' cross-country championship at Cockfosters on Saturday, but John Sherban, who twice fell when in the lead, deserved the honours.

Sherban took the race by the scruff of the neck, but he tumbled on a slimy stretch which the rest of the leaders skirted. Robison and Bernie Ford broke clear but Sherban, smothered in mud, clawed his way back to the lead on the second lap of the nine-mile race, but then fell at the same place again. The title was Robison's, but the never-say-die Sherban got past Ford on the run-in for second place.

● In the Northern championship at Chester-le-Street, Paul Roden showed that he is on the way from being a good junior into becoming a good senior. Roden, aged 22, a former national junior champion, got away from Brian Rushworth just before half way to win.

At Burton-on-Trent, Nick Rose, the former National champion, now aged 36, was unable to break away from his Bristol team colleague, Kevin Fahey, who sprinted to take the Midland title.

AREA CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS: SOUTHERN: Senior (9 miles): 1, C Robison (RNAC) 46min 20sec; 2, J Sherban (Shaftesbury Barnet) 48:36; 3, B Ford (Aldershot F&D) 48:38. Team: Invicta East Kent 197pts. Junior (6 miles): J Dennis (Camberley) 33:14. Team: Belgrave H 77pts. Youth (4 miles): M Campbell (Winchester) 23:06. Team: City of Plymouth 111.

MIDLAND (Burton-on-Trent): Senior (8 miles): 1, K Fahey (Bristol) 43:33; 2, N Rose (Bristol) 43:41; 3, P Cadman (Wolv and Bil) 43:47. Team: Tipton H 158pts. Junior (6 miles): S Muggleston (Westbury H) 32:33. Team: Westbury H 34. Youth (4 miles): N Burdiss (Birchfield H) 23:35. Team: Leicester Coritanians 69.

NORTHERN (Chester-le-Street): Senior (7½ miles): 1, P Roden (East Cheshire and Tameside) 38:15; 2, B Rushworth (Sunderland H) 38:59; 3, P Custin (Jarrow and Hpeburn) 37:12. Team: Salford H 180pts. Junior (5 miles): S Brooks (Bingley H) 25:59. Team: Bingley H, 59. Youth (4 miles): J Brown (Hallamshire), 20.11. Team: Liverpool H, 103.

EASTERN (Thetford): Senior (7½ miles): 1, P Evans (Lowestoft) 35:39; 2, J Clark (Grimsby H) 36:38; 3, J Fes (Cambridge U) 36:54. Team: Bedford and County 170pts. Junior (6 miles): D Mead (Thetford) 32:50. Team: 1 Grimsby Harriers 12pts. Youth (4 miles): W Sproke (Bideston) 21:37. Team: Norfolk Olympiads 58pts.

GOLF

## First American to lift the Putter

By Mel Webb

Guy Wuollet admits that his life has been a nomadic one. In his early years he was for ever on the move as his father's job took the family all over the United States. Even now, he is far from settled — he lives in New York, but plays no golf there, preferring instead to save that pleasure for England, where he comes several times a year on business.

The last four days, however, have seen him return to one of his spiritual homes, Rye Golf Club, where he is a member, and he came to the end of a sentimental journey yesterday when he won the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society President's Putter.

His 4 and 3 win meant that he became the first American to win the Putter in its 67-year history, a victory that was all the more notable for the fact that he had to take on Ted Dexter, one of the modern giants of the famous old competition, in the final.

Dexter, playing in his seventh final, stood to become only the sixth man to win the Putter three times or more. However, the rigours of seven rounds of match-play golf, some of them in conditions of storm and tempest, finally caught up with his 52-year-old legs against an opponent 23 years younger than himself.

Wuollet, whose unassumming demeanour is belied by a remorseless streak that runs through his game, was left slightly numbed by his performance.

His golf in the final was ruthlessly efficient. He was two up after four holes, and extended the lead to three by the turn. Dexter got a hole back with a two-foot putt at the 10th and seemed to be getting his second wind. However, the next few minutes were to be crucial to both men.

At the 11th Dexter was left 30 feet away from the pin and watched his birdie putt stop nine inches from the hole. Having overclubbed his approach shot on the next, he had Wuollet, in a deep fairway bunker, firmly in gaol, then unlocked the prison door himself when an eight-foot putt lipped the hole and agonizingly stayed above ground.

If things had gone Dexter's way then, he could have been all square with seven holes to play. As it was, he stayed two down, lost another on the 14th and finally capitulated on the 15th.

RESULTS: Fourth round: P M Froggatt bt D M A Steel, 5 and 4; E R Dexter bt J G Clark, 5 and 4; R F H Petch bt S C K Twigden, 1 hole; J M T Warman bt C D Meacher, 5 and 4; C L A Edginton bt I R H Pattinson, at 19th; B G Streather bt M A Coleridge, 3 and 2; P R Pentecost bt I Armitage, 1 hole; G D Wuollet bt J J N Caplan, 3 and 2. Fifth round: Dexter bt Froggatt, 2 and 1; Warman bt Petch, at 20th; Streather bt Edginton, at 19th; Wuollet bt Pentecost, 2 and 1.

Semi-finals: Dexter bt Warman, 7 and 6; Wuollet bt Streather, 1 hole.

Final: Wuollet bt Dexter, 4 and 3.

CYCLO-CROSS

## So sweet for Douce

Steve Douce survived a mad flight from the start by a handful of young Davids eager to topple Goliath, to win his fifth Holdsworth national open title at Sutton Park, Birmingham (Peter Bryan writes).

Their tactics were basic: shut him out, burn him off and scramble for the prizes and world championship selection. The ploy worked — but only for as long as it suited the defending champion, who had a 20 seconds lead on the 1984 champion Chris Young by the halfway stage of six miles and regained control after crashing in a wooded, slippery section.

RESULT: Junior (6 miles): 1, I Wright (VC Lincoln) 49min 41sec; 2, t. Farreday (Bolsover); 3, M Bolt (Manchester Wheelers) both at 2:12. Team: Bolsover. Open (12 miles): 1, S Douce (Raleigh-Banana) 1hr 3min 6sec; 2, T Gould (Ace RT) at 19sec; 3, C Young (Paragon RT) at 19. Team: Ace RT. World Championship Selections (Switzerland Jan 30-31) Professional: S Douce. Senior amateurs: T Gould, C Young, D Baker, B Clarke. Junior: I Wright, L Farraday, M Bolt, C Layhe.

GOLF

## Brothers released

Warrington rugby league club has released Australian brothers, Steve and Mark Jackson. The pair joined the first division club earlier this season, on contracts which were due to expire in March, but neither player has been able to command a regular first team place.

FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETICS

STURMINGTON: 10km road race: 1, M Harris (Portsmouth) 30min 8.05sec; 2, G Tuck (Aldershot) 31:3, R Sweetman (Southampton) 31.31. Team: Southampton 25pts. Women: D Noy (Harvard) 34.39.

SYDNEY: New South Wales championships: Women's 5,000m walk: 1, K Sealy (Aus) 20min 55.76sec (wr); 2, B Hayman (Aus) 23:55.56.

HENDON: Women's Inter-League 4km cross-country: 1, M Watson (Swindon/Essex) 15min 35sec; 2, L Wright (Southern) 16.41; 3, A Gooderham (Southern) 16.48. Team: 1, Southern 47pts; 2, Northern 70; 3, Scottish 109.

### BADMINTON

HONG KONG: World grand prix finals: Men's singles: X Gunawo (China) bt E Kurniawan (Indo) 15-2, 15-14. Women's singles: L Lingwei (China) bt H Aiping (China) 11-3, 11-5. Men's doubles: T Bingyi and L Yongbo (China) bt Z Cheng and Z Jincao (China) 15-8, 15-4. Women's doubles: G Weizhen and L Ying (China) bt C Myung-hee and H Hyo-jung (S Kor) 15-10, 15-4. Mixed doubles: S Karlsson and M Bengtsson (Swe) bt B Gilland (Sco) and G Gowers (Eng) 15-8, 18-15.

YORK: Yorkshire open championship finals: Men's singles: N Pomester bt B Welbank 18-17, 15-11. Women's singles: J Bradbury bt N Greenwood 11-7, 7-11, 12-9. Men's doubles: P Broadbin and J Cooker bt M Needham and G Coburn 15-9, 15-3. Women's doubles: G Clarke and W Grierson bt S Wilson and L Bracken 17-15, retired. Mixed doubles: D Wright and G Wallwork bt I Wright and A Abbott 15-0, 17-15.

### BOWLS

PRUDENTIAL LIBERTY TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Southampton: Berkshire 718, Devon 127. Manchester: Durham 179, Leicestershire 77. Peterborough: Lincolnshire 143, Oxfordshire 128. Maidenhead: Middlesex 117, Surrey 116.

### BOXING

SEOUL: WBA straw-weight title: (12 rounds): Leo Gamez (Ven) bt Kim Bong-jung (S Kor) pts.

### CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: (Perth): Third day: Victoria 333 and six for no wicket. Western Australia 427 for eight for 427 dec (G Wood 150 n.o., T Zoehrer 109, W Andrews 56, M Hughes 3-109). (Brisbane): Third day: Queensland 324, Tasmania 173 and 147 (S Hughes 32, M Taylor 28, D Tazelaar 5-54, I Bollen 2-23). Queensland won by an innings and four runs.

### CYCLING

BREMEN, West Germany: Six-day race: 1, P Hinault (Fr) and R Kappes (Ger) 380pts; 2, A Kappes (WG) and R Hermann (Liech) 298; 3, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB) 284.

### BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Basketball Association (NBA): (Saturday's games): Atlanta Hawks 113, Denver Nuggets 105; Los Angeles Lakers 101, Golden State 97; New York Knicks 106, Boston Celtics 98; Philadelphia 76ers 126, Cleveland Cavaliers 110; Washington Bullets 108, Los Angeles Clippers 76; Chicago Bulls 113, Utah Jazz 91; Houston Rockets 104, Phoenix Suns 98; Seattle Supersonics 141, San Antonio Spurs 133; Dallas Mavericks 115, Golden State Warriors 99.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: (Saturday's games): Bracknell 87 Guildford 85, Kingsbrow 118, Sunderland 99 (Saturday's 55, Lynch 29); Hemel and Watford 83 (Carr 33, Keenan 19, Thomas 17), Portsmouth 102 (Cunningham 24, Spaid 18, Irish 16); Leicester 82 (Young 27, Vaughan 21, Lloyd 14), Manchester Utd 81 (Dolan 27, Jones 17, Fogarty 16); Solent 107 (Smith 37, Sewell 27, Scott 15), Derby 88 (Chrabescz 25, Lascelles 23, Dacres 14); Kingston 107 (Bontrager 38, Moore 16, davies 16), Birmingham 99 (Kamara 38, Rowe 19, Dixon 16); Calderdale 121 (Hamilton 37, Godfrey 26, Scandon 18, Harris 16), Oldfields 76 (Butler 27, Ronalds 16, Cooper 16). (Sunday's games): Mid Livingston 119 (Young 40, Fleming 22, Collier 18), BCP London 89 (Barrett 35, Lawrence 14).

### CYCLO-CROSS

SURREY RC (16 miles): 1, B Clarke (Surrey RC) 1hr; 2, D Brocker (VC Etolle) at 2min; 3, D Robbotham (Festival) at 6min.

SEVERN RC (8½ miles): 1, L Lloyd (Dicket Phoenix) 46min 10sec; 2, T Forbes (Army CC) at 1min 10sec; 3, I Trenfield (Avon and Somerset Police) at 5min 15sec.

### DARTS

SURREY: Embassy world professional championship: Round 2: D Mckling (Eng) bt R MacKenzie (Sco) 3-2; B Simmerow (Can) bt H Seton (Aus) 3-2; P Lim (Sing) bt G Lord (Swa) 3-0.

### GOLF

GOLD COAST, Australia: Sanctuary Cove Classic: Final scores: (Australian unless stated): 272: C Strange (US), 273: I Woosnam (GB), 275: R Floyd (US), 276: R Davis, B Shearer, 278: G Wale (US), 280: M Ferguson, D Moore, 281: B King, D Graham, S Owen (NZ), D Iglel (US). Other British: 284: N Faldo, 286: R Rafferty.

PHALABORWA, South Africa: Final scores: (South African unless stated): 277: F Allen, 281: D Feherty (GB), I Young (US), 282: R McCann (US), T Johnstone, T Webber, W Wiimes, 283: M McNamara (GB), 285: J Brand, G Smith (AUS), N Henson (GB), C Williams, D Jones, R Stewart.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Leigh Miners 10, Pilkington 10. STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Doncaster 22, Barnsley 12.

### HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier Division: Hounslow 7, Reading 1. League: Beckenham 0, Southgate 1; Bromley 4, Cheam 0; Dulwich 1, St Albans 0; Weybridge 3, Harlow 0; Blackheath 1, Slough 2. Metropolitan: 0; Surbiton 3, Old Kingstonians 1; Tolse Hill 0, Spencer 0.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Hampshire/Surrey: Epsom 1, Camberley 1; Kew/Surrey: Mid-Surrey 4, Old Reigatians 0. CLUB MATCHES: Bournemouth 0, ISCA 4; Oriadyn 1, Ipswich 0; Gors Court 1, Herne Bay 0; Old Williamsonians 0, Marden Russets 2; Raynes Park 8, Lyons 3; Tring 1, Hayes 1; Sydney 3, Thorpe 0. Midweek: Basingbourn 0, GEC Stafford 2; Ashby 2, Derby 2; Burton 1, Nuneaton 2; Bridgnorth 1, Kidderminster 1; Chesterfield 0, Welton 1; Coalville 1, Mitchell's 1; Fort Dunlop 1, Birmingham Municipal 1; GEC Coventry 4, Rugby 1; Solihull 1, John Player 2; Bowdon 0; Kings Heath 1, Gloucester 1; Leicester 0, Peterborough 4; S Nottingham 3, Olton and West Warwickshire 1; Boston 2, Egerton Park 2; Wednesbury 0, Uxbridge 7; Wolverhampton Park 1, North Oxford 2; Trent 2, Nottingham 2, O Stmillians 0; Worksop 5, Hathersage 0.

HERTFORDSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Broxbourne 3, Bishop's Stortford 1.

OLD BOYS: Cup: Tabal Round: Old Whitgiftians 4, Tonbridge, OB 1.

WOMEN: Asda South China League: Bracknell 0, Wimbledon 1; Portsmouth 3, Ealing 2; Southampton 4, Chelsea College 0; Richmond Hill 1, Slough 1.

LUCKNOW: India: Indian Gandhi gold cup tournament: South Korea 2, India 1. USSR 2, Malaysia 0.

### ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): (Saturday's games): Hartford Whalers 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Vancouver Canucks 3, Quebec Nordiques 2; Edmonton Oilers 5, New York Islanders 1; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Montreal Canadiens 3; New Jersey Devils 4, Minnesota North Stars 3; Boston Bruins 2, St Louis Blues 1.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: (Saturday's matches): Peterborough Pirates 7, Ayr Bruins 5; Fife Flyers 18, Dundee Tigers 2.

### LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Old Hutchesians 8, Cheadle 11; Old Waconians 13, Urmston 3; Sale 10, Heaton Mersey 11; Sheffield University 5, Mellor 10; Stockport 22, Boardman and Boden 1.

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Keston 7, Hitchcroft 13; Purley 17, Chipstead 3.

### RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: John Fisher 9, Tiffin 18; King Henry VIII, Coventry 22, Leamington 0; King Edwards VI, Chelmsford 0, Enfield GS 34; London Oratory 0, Wanganwa Wood, Cullum 17; Norwich 10, Bradford GS Paigate GS 26, Dartford 18; Rossall or Merchant 6, Chislehurst and Sidcup 66 22; Royal Latin 4, St George's, Harpenden 20.

### LUGE

ALTENBERG, East Germany: World Cup meeting: Men: (East German unless stated): 1, M Pfeck (Austria) 2min 46.080sec; 2, M Walter (WG) 2:47.233; 3, J Mueller 2:47.248; 4, T Jacob 2:47.366; 5, J Schetzel (WG) 2:47.580; 6, R Fried 2:47.803; 7, N Wilhelm 2:47.950; 8, G Hackl (WG) 2:48.057; 9, S Danilin (USSR) 2:48.220; 10, V Dudin (USSR) 2:48.252. World Cup standings: 1, Prock, Austria, 72; 2, Mueller 72; 3, V Kharitchenkov (USSR) 57. Women: 1, S Erdmann 2:13.313; 2, U Oberhoffner 2:13.681; 3, J Aniipova (USSR) 2:13.886; 4, G Kohlisch 2:13.804; 5, I Kosskina (USSR) 2:14.726; 6, I Amashova (USSR) 2:15.104; 7, I Donilina (USSR) 2:15.233; 8, C Schmid 2:15.157; 9, V Bilgeri (WG) 2:15.701; 10, P Matschovea (Cz) 2:17.002. World Cup standings: 1, Antipova 40pts; 2, Erdmann 23; 3, Kosskina 23.

### RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Canadian amateur singles championships: First round: W Maltby bt Norman 17-15, 15-4, 16-14. Second round: J Bowling bt Maltby 11-15, 11-16, 15-12, 15-1, 16-13; J Hughes bt D Pease 15-4, 15-11, 12-15, 7-15, 15-7; J Snow bt M Brookes 4-15, 15-2, 15-8, 15-10; M Mockridge bt J Woridge 15-7, 16-10, 15-8; C Woridge bt R Sutton 15-1, 15-3, 15-10; G Lisle bt M Hue-Williams 15-10, 15-6, 15-8; D Watkins bt V Cazalet, Third Round: P C Nicholls bt Bonsor 15-8, 15-4, 15-1; W Soone bt Watkins 15-9, 15-4, 15-1; J Spurling bt Mockridge 15-3, 15-7, 17-15; A Spurling bt Hughes 15-10, 15-11, 16-13; J Male bt Snow 15-5, 15-12, 15-12; D Milne 15-6, 15-7, 15-7; M Nicholls bt J Fensley 15-4, 15-5, 15-7.

### TENNIS

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Men's singles: Finals: J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt A Chesnokov (USSR) 6-3, 6-4.

AUCKLAND: Benson and Hedges tournament: Men's singles: Finals: A Mansdorf (Israel) bt R Krisman (Ind) 6-3, 6-4. Doubles: Final: M Davis and J Pawluf (US) bt J Grabb and S Stanmalire (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

### VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: East Kilbride 3, Glasgow Gregg 1; Team Fife 0, Bellshill Cardinals 3; Dundee Kirkton 0, Scottish Ferro 3; MM Livingston 3, Kinkaith Plant 0. Women: First division: Kyle 3, Scottish Ferro 0; Carluke 0, Provincial Insurance 3; Wheatsheaf Jets 3, Larbert 1.

BREMEN, West Germany: Women's international tournament: Final: Cuba bt Czechoslovakia; Bronze medal match: Bulgaria bt Canada 3-0. Fifth places: Cuba II bt Canada 3-2. Seventh places: South Korea bt Netherlands 3-1.

### JUDO

TOKYO: Shield Cup: (Winners): Open: E Gordon (GB). 86kg: E Pechenov (USSR). 75kg: B Versev, (USSR). 66kg: M Onisuka (Jap). Team: USSR.

### SKIING

SERRE CHEVALIER: English and Welsh Universities championships: Final day: Cross country: Men (40km): 1, P sorensen (Nor) 1:55:57; 2, P Farrow (London) 1:57:45; 3, A Farrow (London) 2:04.11. Women (5km): 1, K Farrow (London) 13:13.28; 2, S Mander (Man) 13:47.93; 3, L Mander (Man) 14:00.54. Team: Men: 1, Manchester; 2, London. Women: 1, Manchester; 2, London.

KAVGOLVO, Moscow: World Cup nordic event: Men: 4x10km freestyle relay: 1, USSR 1:41:20.35; 2, Sweden 1:43:14.97; 3, Norway 1:43:18.0. 40km relay (classical style): 1, USSR 1:41.20.35; 2, USSR 1:58.595; 3, Sweden 1:43.14.97. Women: 10km cross-country: 1, Inger Helene Nybrathen (Nor) 28:49.7; 2, V Vencena (USSR) 29:04.01; 3, A Ordina (USSR) 29:15.5. 20km relay (classical style): 1, USSR 1 56:55.6; 2, Norway 57:07.07; 3, USSR II 57:39.8 4x5km cross-country relay: 1, USSR I 56:55.6; 2, Norway 57:07.07; 3, USSR II 57:39.8. World Cup relay overall standings: 1, USSR 65pts; 2, Norway 57; 3, Sweden 47.

LECH, Austria: Women's World Cup super-G/slalom: 1, Z Haas (Switz) 1:15.55; 2, C Outzo (Fr) 1:15.75; 3, M Figini (Switz) 1:15.78; 4, M Gerg (WG) 1:16.16; 5, P Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp) 1:16.18; 6, U Maier (Austria) 1:16.19; 7, R Mosenlechner (WG) 1:16.21; 8, B Orlli (Switz) 1:16.49; 9, C Kiashofer-Gutlein (Aut) 1:16.68; 10, P Kronberger (Austria) 1:16.76. Britain: 38,

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A victim of the Highbury fighting borne away on a stretcher

# Lion-size breach of probation

By John Goodbody

The readmission of English clubs to European competitions may have been jeopardized by the outbreak of hooliganism by Millwall supporters at Highbury on Saturday when 73 people were ejected from the ground and 41 arrested. Two pubs close to the stadium were wrecked.

The violence broke out 11 days before Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, and Philip Carter, the president of the League, fly to Monaco to meet officials of UEFA, the European governing body, to put England's case for returning to the three European competitions from which they have been banned since the Heysel stadium disaster in May 1985.

UEFA has monitored the behaviour of English supporters over the last three years through newspaper articles and through three secret observers, who are based in England and make regular reports to the European governing body.

Saturday's violence was the worst at a League ground since August 15, when followers of Wolverhampton Wanderers went on the rampage in Scarborough, and it was contained only because of masterly organization and control by more than 500 police carrying out Operation Lion.

Ted Croker, the secretary of the FA, said yesterday: "An incident like this is not helping our cause but UEFA is realistic. It knows this is happening inside our own country and was one incident in about 40 matches on Saturday. Other countries are having violence far worse than we are.

"What we do want is a clear run of hooligan-free football until UEFA makes its decision. Whenever UEFA does make its decision it would undoubtedly be on the basis of the good behaviour continuing. We are all on probation all of the time."

Croker said that originally it was thought that a decision would be taken on January 20 but it looks as if the governing body will just hear the submissions of the FA and the League and will have another meeting before the end of the season to discuss and vote on whether to readmit England. Much may finally depend on how the English supporters behave during the European Championship in West Germany in June.

Croker added that Les Walker, the FA's security adviser, was at Highbury on Saturday and the association would wait until it had received his report this week before deciding whether to have an inquiry into the incident.

Croker agreed that an incident like the one at Highbury was "not going to be helpful" to England's case. "It is an unfortunate situation after a relatively trouble-free season. But it is important to put it into perspective."

He said that he would be pointing out to UEFA what action the clubs had taken, particularly this season, to eliminate hooliganism. Close-circuit television is installed at most clubs to help identify troublemakers and gain convictions.

The success of Saturday's operation can be judged by the fact that only one policeman was hurt (a broken ankle) and there were 41 arrests, whereas at Luton in the notorious Cup tie against Millwall nearly two years ago there were only 31 arrests but 33 police officers were injured.

Chief Inspector Archie Newlands, who was in charge of Operation Lion, said: "We had 500 men on duty inside the ground and we had planned the operation very carefully. I am pleased with the way my men performed and that we managed to avoid a major crowd incident with prompt and efficient action."

Two pubs, one used by Arsenal and one by Millwall supporters before the game, were considerably damaged.

A spokesman at Scotland Yard said yesterday: "A substantial number of so-called Millwall fans were a disgrace to themselves and to the club. But we are satisfied that the operation went magnificently."

A man charged with grievous bodily harm on a police officer will appear in court at Highbury Corner today. The first of the 40 people who have been charged with offences, including threatening behaviour, possession of offensive weapons and assault, will also appear at the court today.

## MILLWALL'S HOOLIGAN RECORD

1934: Ground closed for a fortnight after crowd trouble.
1938: Club fined £100 for crowd trouble.
1947: Ground closed for seven days and the club fined £100 after missiles were hurled at the referee.
1950: Ground closed for seven days, fined £1,000 after referee was attacked.
1967: Club was fined £1,000 after referee was assaulted.
1978: Ground closed for two weeks, the club fined £1,500 and banned from playing home FA Cup-ties for two years, after pitch invasion during match against Ipswich.
1980: Linesman felled by piece of concrete thrown during game against Shrewsbury.
1982: Alan Thorne, the chairman, threatens to close the club after supporters go on the rampage in FA Cup tie at Slough.
1984: Riot in Old Kent Road after Milk Cup-tie against Chelsea. Coaches carrying Bristol City supporters attacked nine miles from the ground.
1985: March: 250 supporters terrorise pub in Bristol with sledgehammers and pickaxes. Hundreds riot before, during and after FA Cup tie at Luton, causing £70,000 worth of damage. 31 people arrested and 47 injured. October. 75 supporters charged after offences at Southampton when violence broke out before a Milk Cup tie. November. Five policemen injured. 17 supporters arrested during League game against Leeds at the Den.
1986: Rival supporter stabbed to death at Charing Cross by Millwall followers, who ran amok in the West End.
1988: 73 ejections from the ground and 41 supporters arrested in FA Cup-tie at Highbury.

END COLUMN

# Rescue act on Batman Avenue

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Melbourne

The Australian championships, which begin here today, usher in a new era of tennis. The tournament marks the flowering of a brighter and better future for the "Oz" championships and the game as a whole. For many years this tournament has been the poor relation of the grand slam circuit. Now, to some extent, it becomes the head of the family.

You have probably read and heard enough of the wonderful new complex that has sprung up half a mile from the heart of Melbourne: enough of the 15,000-seat centre court with its retractable roof, its floodlighting, its potential for year-round tennis and other forms of mass entertainment, and Australia's radical shift from grass to cushioned hard courts.

The national association was not only street-smart and boldly imaginative, it was lucky too. The venues for Wimbledon (dating from 1922) and the French championships (Roland Garros, 1928) have been improved and modernized. Since 1978 the United States championships have been played at Flushing Meadow in a complex converted from the recreational uses. Only the Australians have been able to build from scratch on what estate agents might call a prime site.

That site is Flinders Park on Batman Avenue. As historic asides we may note that Matthew Flinders was an English naval officer who surveyed and charted the Australian coastline and that John Batman, having sailed from Tasmania to make a home on the banks of the Yarra River, was one of Victoria's original white settlers.

## Stars reluctant to come out at night

Fascinating though it is, all that is not strictly relevant to the accelerating decline of grass-court tennis and the fun we are going to have here during the next two weeks. Boiled down, what one needs to know is who is going to win the first singles titles of the new era. Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf will start as favourites.

For the first and last time I will mention the prominent absentees: Boris Becker, whose left knee is bothering him, Miloslav Mecir, engaged in fatherhood for the first time, Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe, who have reduced their programmes, and Gabriela Sabatini, who is similarly more interested in resting than working.

Behind the scenes, the organizers have had an awful job persuading the stars to come out at night: that is, to play under floodlights. Martina Navratilova and Lendl, battle-hardened warriors, will undertake that chore this evening. Pat Cash and Chris Evert will be the main attractions this afternoon.

Today's programme also concerns seven British players. Ultimately, that is unlikely to be of much relevance. Come to think of it, the real winners here – never mind the players – will be Flinders Park, Australian tennis, and the new surface. The new, Korean-made balls may be less of a success. Stay tuned.

# United so nearly the victims of first Cup surprise

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

**Ipswich Town ..... 1**
**Manchester United..... 2**

There was to be no sting in the FA Cup tail. The third round, the stage that traditionally echoes to the sound of falling giants, was completed yesterday without a single surprise as Manchester United joined one of the strongest fourth round fields in the history of the ancient competition.

Yet they did not do so on merit. Even Alex Ferguson, United's manager, offered his sympathy to Ipswich Town, the victims of the televised fixture at Portman Road, yesterday. "I'm sure they are sitting in their dressing room thinking that they are unlucky," he said. So, doubtless, did millions of viewers.

United were utterly outplayed before the interval. Bruce was tidy at the back, Robson was influential in the middle and McClair was enterprising at the front, but apart from their outstanding trio, two of whom notably are new acquisitions, their superiority lay in no more than their name and reputation.

Productive only when moving tentatively sideways or backwards, they fashioned only one idea of any consequence throughout the first half. Even that came to nought but by then, in the 29th minute, they had been ushered into the lead through the misfortune of one of their opponents.

D'Avray, a constant irritation for United in the air, inadvertently assisted them when his feet were stuck in the mud of Ipswich's penalty area. Unable to evade Robson's free kick, that had been floated beyond Whiteside and Bruce, he deflected it with his shin into his own net.

Atkins, booked for the offence that preceded the opening goal, paid an unreasonably heavy penalty for his over exuberance. But Ipswich's captain, admirably assisted in midfield by Brennan and Dozzell, maintained for over an hour a challenge that was substantially more convincing and adventurous than Ferguson's side.

FA CUP

Turner had already been troubled by Brennan's cross and by an Atkins drive before Dozzell wasted one opportunity and Humes headed another narrowly wide. United, severely limited in attack, were being stretched in defence and, in the 42nd minute, they were belatedly broken.

A corner, needlessly conceded by Gibson, was met by Humes, whose header, shepherded by Atkins and Lowe, slithered through the grasp of United's goalkeeper. Humes's first goal of the season was timely. Ipswich's supporters, murmuring with expectation throughout the break, could now look forward to witnessing a rare and unlikely triumph.

They might have done so had Turner not blocked Cranson's powerful header and then felled Lowe, according to the referee, on the edge of legitimacy. The evidence of observers seated high in the new stand and also on the television cameras confirmed that the foul was committed inside rather than outside the area.

Even Ferguson, Turner and the rest of his colleagues conceded that the official had made a favourable, albeit marginal, error. Ipswich devoid of luck throughout the afternoon, were at least relieved to see Gibson immediately scorn an unmistakable chance and McClair strike a post a few minutes later.

But fate and the delayed reactions of their goalkeeper were to be against them. A corner, swung in by Gibson in the 65th minute, was nodded in by Anderson, another defender to claim his first goal of the season. It should instead have been held by Hallworth.

As a boy he used to stand on the Stretford End and dream of representing the famous club. But for the advice of Bobby Robson, once in charge at Portman Road and now the manager of England, he might have stayed at his home near Stockport in an attempt to realise his ambition. Yesterday it became a nightmare.

IPSWICH TOWN: J Hallworth; F Yallop, G Harbey, I Atkins, T Humes, I Cranson, D Lowe, M Brennan, M D'Avray, J Dozzell (sub: M Stockwell), R Zondervan (sub: N Gleghorn).
MANCHESTER UNITED: C Turner, V Anderson, M Duxbury, S Bruce, K Moran, R Moses (sub: J Olsen), B Robson, G Strachan, B McClair, N Whiteside, C Gibson (sub: P Davenport).
Referee: B Stevens.



Rise to glory: Anderson outjumps Hallworth to head the United winner against Ipswich (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

# Teenager sinks Macclesfield

By a Special Correspondent

Macclesfield Town, the last remaining standard bearers of the northern non-League clubs in this season's FA Cup, had their chance of a history-making fourth round place dashed by a teenager who gave Port Vale their 1-0 win yesterday.

Kevin Finney, aged 18, who played only because Vale's recent signing, Mills, was cup-tied, stooped to head the vital goal five minutes from time just when it looked as though the third division club would have to face a testing replay in front of a 4,000 all-ticket crowd at Moss Rose on Wednesday.

The battling Cheshire club could so easily have joined Sutton United in today's fourth round draw. They defended stubbornly and nearly poached a goal after half an hour when Askey, who was once on Vale's books, hit the inside of a post with a curling low shot.

On a sticky, heavy pitch, more suited to full time professionals, Macclesfield's weary legs had carried them to within sight of a replay when Hughes sent over the centre for Finney to strike the killer blow in only his thirteenth senior game.

The assortment of teachers, postmen, lorry drivers and firemen had done their 3,000-strong following proud although they had, at times, lived on their nerves, especially when Hamson headed wide from in front of goal and Walker hit the bar with a rising 30-yard shot.

# Asmussen splits with O'Brien

Vincent O'Brien, the Irish racehorse trainer, and the American jockey, Cash Asmussen, are to end their partnership after just a year.

A spokesman for O'Brien said last night: "It has been decided by mutual agreement that Asmussen will not be riding for the Ballydoyle stable in 1988. It was felt by both parties that a commitment to riding regularly in three countries was too much."

He added that O'Brien hopes to announce a replacement for the American jockey in a couple of weeks.

Asmussen recently bought a flat in London and it is understood that he will continue to ride in Britain and France. His principal job in this country is riding for the Manton trainer, Barry Hills.

# Davis makes a magnificent recovery to save his title

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis last night recovered his composure to win three frames in a row and turn a potential disaster into another glorious victory, holding off a magnificent comeback by John Parrott to retain the Mercantile Credit Classic title by 13-11 at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle.

Davis led 9-5 overnight, but Liverpool's 13th-seeded Parrott had rallied in style yesterday, winning six of the first seven frames in the final session to lead 11-10.

Davis then ended Parrott's flight of fancy with three successive breaks of 83, 68, and 99 to earn the winner's cheque for £50,000, which takes his winnings in only half a season to £229,000, and also records the 16th ranking victory of his career in eight years.

Parrott had edged 4-3 ahead in the first session on Saturday afternoon, but Davis took six out of seven frames in the evening to leave Parrott with little chance, or so it seemed. Yet yesterday, he turned the final round in breathtaking fashion while also giving Davis a taste of his own bitter medicine, punishing mistake after mistake.

Parrott began Sunday's final showdown with a clearance of 103 and although Davis immediately struck back to win frame 16, Parrott tactically outplayed him in frame 17 and then took the 18th by doubling the second last red to begin a winning clearance to the pink of 33.

Breaks of 44 and 56 then pulled him up to only one behind and another fine clearance from the penultimate red from 38 put him level before Davis, the pressure inexorably mounting, missed a straightforward black while leading 47-9 in frame 11 to let Parrott in.

Davis, however, ended his losing run of five frames in the 22nd game, turning the tables emphatically with a break of 83 before further runs of 68 and 99 gave him victory.

Parrott, £30,000 the richer in defeat, looked ruefully back to the missed red that had allowed Davis in for his first clinical clearance in the 22nd frame

RESULT: S Davis (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng) 13-11. Frame scores (Davis first) 139-0, 31-72, 34-68, 34-76, 61-20, 76-16, 51-65, 88-47, 79-9, 63-14, 83-12, 66-57, 94-0, 28-64, 31-107, 74-43, 39-68, 49-58, 9-114, 60-62, 47-67, 99-31, 69-0, 113-4.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

# Hampshire may move

Hampshire cricket club are considering moving from the county ground, their Southampton headquarters for more than a century, to a new site in the city's suburbs. Chief executive, Tony Baker, said one of several reasons for the proposed sale of the Northlands Road site was that it could raise millions of pounds if the land is sold to a developer.

"A lot of the buildings need replacing and we simply can't afford to do that," Baker said. Hampshire's 5,000 members are being canvassed for their views.

# Toeing the line

Desmond Douglas may be in trouble again after withdrawing with an injured toe from the Europe v Asia matches in Germany and Italy this week. The English champion, who recently severed his contract with the English Table Tennis Association, may be told by the European Table Tennis Union that he cannot play in the third Europe v Asia match, in Cleveland this weekend.



Douglas: in hot water

# Hall goes out

Darren Hall, the former national champion, was defeated in the semi-finals of the World grand prix badminton finals, in Hong Kong, 8-15, 15-11, 17-15, by Eddie Kurniawan, of Indonesia. Kurniawan yesterday lost 15-2, 18-14 to Xiong Guobao, of China.

# Hastings call

London Scottish are hoping to renew contact with Gavin Hastings, Scotland's full back, who played for them in 1986. Hastings, who wins his fourteenth cap against Ireland next weekend, is returning to London shortly.

# Grand slam

England maintained their grip on the home international squash championship when they finished first in both men's and women's events in Edinburgh this weekend. They completed their grand slam with a double win over Scotland – but in the men's match at least not with the ease expected. Bryan Beeson, England's No. 2, was taken to five games by Colin Keith before clinching the tie.

# Title chance

Lloyd Christie, the British light-welterweight champion, has been offered the chance to fight for the world title. Christie is just one victory away from a chance at the WBC title held by Roger Mayweather, of the United States. He must first beat the American Joey Ferrell, who has been awarded a title bout with Mayweather.

# Roche worry

Dublin (Reuter) – Stephen Roche, the world cycling No. 1, who is still recovering from an operation on his left knee, fears he may not be ready in time to compete in this year's major European classic events.

# Winterbottom expects to overcome injury

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Peter Winterbottom, the Headingley flanker, was unable to take part in the final session of England's squad-training weekend yesterday. An old shin injury, suffered during the World Cup, flared up again during Saturday's training and he was advised to rest but is expected to take his place in the team to play France in Paris next Saturday.

It will be Winterbottom's fourth visit to Parc des Princes, so his experience is crucial to England. However Dean Richards, his back-row colleague, has recovered from the ankle injury which forced him off the field during the trial match on January 2 and completed the weekend.

"It was a mixed weekend," Geoff Cooke, England's manager, said. "There was a lot of input from the players but there are still a few areas which are not totally good."

"We can't do a lot to radically change the ability of our players," he went on, "you have to get the players we have selected and weld them into the best possible unit."

● ORTHEZ: Alain Lorieux, the French forward, is doubtful for Saturday's Five Nations championship match with England after suffering a hip injury while playing for his Aix les Bains side against Orthez here yesterday.

# Italians and Dutch are seeded second

England will face either the 1982 World Cup winners Italy or The Netherlands in the European Championship finals in June. The draw is tomorrow, but UEFA's organizing committee yesterday confirmed the Dutch and Italians as joint second seeds.

West Germany, the hosts, and England head the two groups, with the Soviet Union, Denmark, Spain and the Republic of Ireland making up the eight finalists.

● Ian Rush had an another unhappy afternoon for Juventus yesterday when he was overshadowed by Ruud Gullit, the European Footballer of the Year, in the 1-0 defeat at home to AC Milan. Gullit headed the 65th minute goal which kept Milan in second in the Italian League, three points behind Napoli. Rush missed two chances for Juventus.

# Machin is to protest over his sending-off

Mel Machin, the Manchester City manager, intends to contest the decision which could lead to him facing a charge of bringing the game into disrepute (Ian Ross writes).

Machin was sent off by referee Michael Peck 15 minutes from the end of the FA Cup third round tie against Huddersfield Town at Leeds Road for "foul and abusive language to a linesman".

His dismissal, two minutes after Town had taken the lead with a controversial goal, came as he was giving instructions to his players from the touch-line after making a double substitution.

The dispute was sparked off by a disputed throw-in which led directly to Duncan Shearer's second goal for Huddersfield. "It was a scandalous decision. Everyone in the ground was waiting for the throw-in to be awarded to us when they took it quickly and went away to score," said Machin.

"Shortly after that incident the linesman told the referee that I had done something in an aggressive manner. I could not believe his decision. I am going to contest the decision because I do not think I put my case over too strongly."

Machin was also annoyed at the last-minute sending-off of Neil McNab, after committing a second bookable offence.

● Kevin Ratcliffe, the Everton captain, could be out of action for up to two weeks after sustaining a groin injury during the FA Cup third round tie against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough.

With Derek Mountfield, Ratcliffe's natural replacement, still recovering from a knee operation, Pat Van den Hauwe is likely to partner Dave Watson at the heart of defence for Wednesday night's replay.

# Crisis in cricket

England's cricketers leave London on Wednesday for their tour of New Zealand and Australia hoping to avoid the controversies which plagued them on the recent tour of Pakistan. *The Times* has reconstructed the events of those fateful weeks for captain Mike Gatting and the England team and beginning tomorrow presents a three-part series describing for the first time the full story of what happened in Pakistan.

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